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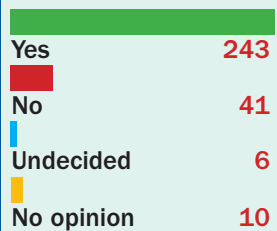
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An \$80-million unused ice-breaking ferry from Alaska won't find its way in the CNMI after the Fitial administration said during the weekend it informed the vessel owner that the Commonwealth is "not interested in this matter" because of the need for "thorough" and "complete" review, days after U.S. media outlets carried a story that the ferry may finally get a job in the tropics.



Fitial

The CNMI community has known about the Fitial administration's "several weeks" of communication with the owners of the vessel only from reports carried by mainland newspapers.

The \$80-million vessel, named the *Susitna*, was supposed to be home in Mat-Su Borough in Alaska but it has remained in Ward Cove near the Ketchikan shipyard where it was built.

The *Susitna* would have traveled 4,500

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### COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

A couple takes photos of the Nativity creche on the grounds of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa on Saturday night. Despite a downturn in the economy, private residences, businesses, government agencies, and others have started decorating their properties in keeping with the holidays.

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## 'SDLLC pursuing multimillion shipyard, power plant'

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Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) said Saipan Development LLC, whose representatives have arrived on Saipan and more will follow this week, is still pursuing a multimillion-dollar shipyard facility on Saipan along with a \$190.8-million diesel power plant, both of which are touted as

potentially creating over 1,000 new jobs and boost the CNMI's sagging economy.

The sole-source, 25-year PPA is a subject of a court's temporary restraining order and is among the issues in a soon-to-be reintroduced resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for allegations of cor-

ruption, neglect of duty and negligence.

Fitial and three senators had an initial meeting with SDLLC's Kenneth Mahmood two weeks ago, and more meetings are expected when other SDLLC officials arrive.

They include Don Kurz and David

» **Osborne is Fitial's former campaign manager; more SDLLC officials arriving**

## DPL: New Managaha rules in effect

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The Department of Public Lands said on Friday that the rules limiting how tourists from Managaha Island are picked up for parasailing and banana boat tours, among other commercial activities, have been in effect since Thursday, Nov. 29. Saipan lawmakers attempted to stop DPL once again from implementing the rules, at the request of marine operators, but to no avail because of a lack of quorum when they resumed session on Thursday.

"Rules are rules. It has been in effect since Thursday, Nov. 29. We thought it would take effect Friday, but when our legal counsel checked, the effective date was Thursday," said Ray Salas, DPL's director of Land Claims and is currently the governor's nominee for DPL secretary.

Salas' temporary 90-day DPL secretary assignment expired in early November, so Pete Itibus is back to being acting DPL secretary.

Salas told *Saipan Tribune* that DPL has enough rangers on Managaha to enforce the regulations.

Representatives from marine sports operators, including Bill Owens and counsel Jennifer Dockter, reiterated the impact of DPL's new rules on marine sports operators, during the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation session on Thursday morning.

Owens and Dockter said marine sports operators will go back to court to sue DPL if it implements the rule.

At the time, lawmakers were keen on writing a letter to DPL or the Office of the Attorney General to stop

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Mahmood, Ayuyu said.

Ayuyu, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, said it would be important for the CNMI to directly hear from SDLLC officials about the PPA, instead of just completely shunning their idea about both the PPA and the shipyard project.

The full Senate joined Rep. Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan), as well as Rep.

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## Local

# CHCC deadline from Medicare expires today

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Despite assurance from local health officials that all requirements set by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid will be completed and submitted on the deadline, they admitted that the Commonwealth Health Center's certification with the federal organization continues to hang in the balance.

This was hospital services director Karen Buettner confirmed with health corporation board members during

its meeting Friday, disclosing that CHC has until today, Dec. 3 at 2pm, to fulfill all the "evidence" asked by the CMMS or else its certification will be revoked which will result in losing millions of federal monies for the public hospital.

It was in September when CMMS issued immediate jeopardy statuses on the CHC due to serious deficiencies discovered in its operation. Of these three IJs, only one was "abated" pertaining to the lack of defibrillators in key units of the hospital. For the two remaining immediate jeopardies, CMMS

had given the corporation until Nov. 19 to submit evidence which Buettner claimed was met on time.

Buettner admitted that CMMS, besides the remaining IJs, has also provided CHC additional citations as indicated in its 217-page survey report released to the corporation. "Evidence" for these additional citations as well as for additional documentations asked for the remaining IJs are all due today at 2pm, Saipan time.

"Our deadline is on Monday (today), but our plan is

to finish everything by end of the day. We will also have teleconference with CMMS tomorrow morning (Saturday) so they have the opportunity to let us know if they think we still have outstanding (requirements). They've been very helpful to us," Buettner reported to the board last Friday.

According to Commonwealth Health Corp. COO Esther Muna, the "additional evidence" asked by CMMS for the remaining IJs pertain to the signed contracts with specific vendors such as for diagnostic lab services, shipping and

tracking numbers for procured equipment such as dishwasher and CT scan, and others.

Muna assured the board that all needed contracts have been finalized and signed last Friday with the Office of the Attorney General and ready for submission to CMMS.

"Everything though is still hanging in the balance for our certification. Monday...our deadline, is the day they will let us know whether we lost our certification or not," said Buettner, adding that since Day 1 of the CMMS survey, the corporation has been doing its best to rectify all problems as indicated in its action plans and has been in constant communication with the CMMS.

"This is the define moment for us to move forward," added Buettner.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta, for his part, said that the dishwasher has already been procured and is being readied for shipment by the vendor. Contracts with specific vendors that relate to the immediate jeopardies, he said, have also been resurrected. He said many services had stopped in the past due to nonpayment to vendors. CHCC, he said, has even made an advanced payment to one specific vendor as guarantee for uninterrupted service to the CHC.

Muna reported to the board that one of the major sources of funding that helped CHCC address the citations from CMMS, is the reimbursement received by CHC from

Medicaid. Last October, she disclosed, CHCC received \$6 million in Medicaid reimbursement alone. Coupled with improved billing and collection unit, health officials are optimistic that revenues of the hospital will grow.

Medicare provides CHC reimbursements for services from \$8 million to \$10 million annually.

## Lack of skilled leadership

Besides funding issues, Buettner disclosed to the board that problems of the hospital are also attributed to the lack of "skilled leadership."

She revealed that of the existing 26 managers, 22 are replacements that needed to be trained. But due to lack of funding for training, CHC is operating without the proper training activities that will help the managers better perform their tasks. This is why CHCC, she said, has been requesting assistance to Office of Insular Affairs.

Also a result of having no funding to hire additional personnel or replacements, CHC has been incurring huge overtime cost—a problem that can only be remedied if proper staffing is met.

In hiring the needed specialists and medical professionals, Buettner is convinced that the unattractive salary offer to qualified candidates hampers this objective. She described the current compensation offer as the rate set some 10 years ago.

## PSS is now current with its employee contribution

Even with its own financial difficulty, the Public School System remains committed in finding ways to ensure that the welfare and benefits of its employees are prioritized, along with the delivery of quality education to its over 10,000 students.

This, as late Thursday PSS paid its employee share owed to the NMI Retirement Fund, in the amount of close to \$1.1 million. The payment makes the school system's contribution current for all its employees.

While it is now current with its employee contribution, PSS' next step is finding a long-term solution with its employer contribution—another essential issue that education leaders and policymakers have been focused with for years now, through series of discussions with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and key NMI finance and Fund officials.

It can be noted that the cen-

tral government has yet to funnel \$10.3 million to PSS representing "unremitted" prior year earmarkings and or receivables, and the Maintenance of Effort. The MOE is a federal requirement mandating that a certain percentage of the NMI government budget be allocated to public education as required by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provide impact aid grants that are designed to stimulate the economy and jump start school reform efforts. The ARRA grants are one-time school improvement grants that improve teaching and learning by saving and creating teacher jobs, repairing school facilities and by infusing technology upgrades in our classrooms such as computers, smart boards, etc. for student and teacher use both at school and at home.

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# SNILD asked to help fund transpo for people with disabilities, land owner

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The Office of Transit Authority under the Office of the Governor is asking Saipan lawmakers to appropriate \$44,768 to "temporarily" fund the transportation of individuals with disabilities while waiting for federal grants to come in, weeks after the Saipan Call-a-Ride service was suspended when its contract with the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities expired on Oct. 17.

At the same time, 80-year-old Luisa Borja Quitugua and her son Elbert asked the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation to appropriate funding for their family, more than 20 years since waiting for compensation from the government in exchange for using their property in As Teo as public road.

Today, lawmakers will be at the court to show their support to the Quitugua family who may be held in contempt of court for blocking a road in As Teo. However, the family has not totally blocked the road, because vehicles can still freely access the road through a road detour.

The Quitugas have been seeking \$77,179 in court judgment, plus accrued interest, due

to them.

Last week, the government finally paid Luisa Quitugua \$10,000, but that's only a small fraction of what's owed to her. Her son said his mother is open to negotiation.

## Call-a-Ride

During a Saipan delegation session on Thursday, advocates for people with disabilities told lawmakers that since October, the Call-a-Ride service was suspended.

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities and its para-transit operations partner, August Healthcare Group LLC, which operates the specialized Saipan Call-a-Ride for individuals with disabilities and the *man'amko* since 2011, announced earlier that their one-year service contract agreement and the three-month extended service contract agreement expired on Oct. 17.

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, which is in the transition of transferring the operations and capital assets to the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA), asked Saipan lawmakers' help for funding while their application for federal grants is still pending.

COTA is expecting two fed-

eral grant awards amounting to \$1.114 million from the Federal Transit Authority fiscal year 2012, among other things.

Thomas J. Camacho, special assistant for public transportation, said the \$44,768 being asked of Saipan lawmakers will revive and fund the operations expense for the only transit system available on Saipan.

"This is our short-term solution to our current problem facing our transit system," he said.

Bud White, a concerned citizen, made an appeal to lawmakers and people in the House gallery on Thursday, to help donate to a volunteer driver named Willdraw Cabrera, whom he said continues to provide transportation—free of charge—to people with disabilities even after the contract with August

Healthcare Group LLC expired.

After donating \$100 to Cabrera, White also made the rounds in the House chamber to collect donations from lawmakers and others on Thursday.

White gave the collected money to John Demapan, 24, vice chair of the CNMI Council on Development Disabilities, to be personally given to Cabrera.

"We thank Mr. Cabrera for volunteering his time and effort to help us with transportation," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* on Thursday.

During the weekend, Demapan issued a statement saying that the purpose of the Call-A-Ride program is to ensure that people with disabilities have accessible transportation to their destinations and to make people with disabilities be active socially

and enjoy the wonders of life.

Through the years, the Call-A-Ride program has changed hands under different managements due to funding issues and other factors beyond their control.

Demapan said the August Healthcare Group better known as St. Michael's Ambulance Service, recently administered the Call-A-Ride program under a one-year federal grant through a bidding process.

After the contract ended, August Healthcare Group decided to extend for a good three months its service, "to maintain uninterrupted services for people with disabilities," Demapan said.

"As of this time the DD Council is temporarily in charge of the Call-A-Ride program

until such time federal Transit funds arrive to bid out the program again to a suitable transportation company. DD Council commends Mr. Willdraw Cabrera for his dedication and service for his four years of service as a Call-A-Ride driver under DD Council and one year service as a Call-A-Ride driver for August Healthcare Group. He is also recognized and appreciated for volunteering his personal time driving people with disabilities uncompensated for six weeks after the contract ended," Demapan said.

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## PSS

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The Education Stabilization Fund as developed by the PSS at \$32.3 million for the PSS and \$4 million for the NMC for a total of \$36.3 million is the largest federal grant ever received in the CNMI. The PSS share of the grant, \$32.3 million, is being used for the following purposes: \$14.9 million to support 180 teaching staff across two years; \$11.7 million for repairs, renovations and school modernization; \$ 2.5 million for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs; \$ 1.8 million for Utilities; \$1.7 million for the one laptop per child initiative, and \$700,000 for program administration.

In PSS standpoint, it remains open and ready to continue discussing viable options that could address the funding shortage for public education with the central government, optimistic that the outcome will finally address its share of employer contribution to the Retirement Fund.

"We have been finding amicable ways as we move forward with our discussions with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos and Finance Secretary Larissa Larson who both have been receptive with our effort to address our concerns," acting education commissioner Charley Kentey said.

He added, "We have been acting in good faith as we try our very best to ensure that we

are current with our obligations, reflective of the fact that like them (Fund) and any other government entity/agency, we at PSS, are also facing financial challenges."

PSS is a non-revenue generating entity that relies on government funding to meet its constitutional mandate of providing education and other essential services that includes, among others, free transportation and free meals, to the Commonwealth more than 10,000 students attending 20 public elementary, junior, and high school campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. It also provides services to pre-school children under the Head Start Program spread across 10 centers, and the Special Education and Early Intervention Programs.

But in the last 10 years, when the economy began to tip, funding on essential government services including PSS has been impacted—yet the school district's ability to provide its constitutional mandate to its stakeholders: students, parents, and its personnel have been unhinged.

In essence, to prevent the impact of being felt in the classrooms, PSS initiated its own internal funding controls including series of cost-cutting efforts to buffer the funding shortfall.

Worth noting, on the other hand, is that the current fiscal year's budget for PSS, at \$31 million, is the lowest earmarking for public education since fiscal 2000. (PSS)

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## SDLLC

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Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), in asking the court to stop the PPA. Senators, including Ayuyu, also adopted in August a resolution asking the administration to cancel the PPA. But Ayuyu said at the time, there were not much information about the PPA, and he said this is the best time to know more about the agreement from SDLLC officials. As PUTC chairman, he said he still has a lot of questions about the deal.

Besides Ayuyu, the two other senators who met with Kenneth Mahmood were Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Ayuyu said there will be another meeting this week between lawmakers and SDLLC officials.

The Delaware-based Saipan Development LLC was founded by Allegiance Capital Corp. founder David Mahmood and Keystone Shipping owner Don Kurz.

### Who is Osborne?

Besides SDLLC's Kenneth Mahmood, also on island has been Jason Osborne, consultant for Allegiance Capital Corp.

Osborne "managed the successful re-election campaign of an incumbent Republican Governor Ben Fitial of the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands" in 2009, according to his own LinkedIn profile.

In the 2009 election, Fitial was running under the Covenant Party, which he founded and later on left to rejoin the Republican Party. Fitial is now president again of the Republican Party in the CNMI.

Osborne was director of External

Relations at the 2012 Republican National Convention, attended by Fitial and his party members.

"I would have thought the National Republican Party would all be moving to distance themselves from this Fitial administration, not pull closer... so the guy who is telling the CNMI people that Fitial's signing of the PPA was a good thing is not only associated with SDLLC but also Fitial's campaign manager?" said Glen Hunter, one of the leading advocates of a transparent and corruption-free CNMI government.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday he doesn't have any comment on Osborne's involvement in the \$190.8-million diesel power purchase deal but reiterates his concern about the PPA which he said is going to cost the CNMI people millions of dollars that they cannot afford.

"He has, on more than one occasion, assured me that he has nothing to do with the power plant deal. Still, Mr. Osborne is of course free to associate himself with Governor Fitial or with the people behind this power deal. That's Mr. Osborne's decision and he has to live with the consequences," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment.

Sablan said the power deal "is also a prime example of the corruption and circumvention of the law that the people of the Marianas are fed up with, which is why this is one of the articles of impeachment against Governor Fitial."

### Shipyard

Ayuyu said during the initial meeting with SDLLC's Kenneth Mahmood, the latter gave an overview of their shipyard facility project, tied with the military buildup in the Marianas.

The senator said the shipyard project

could be a \$500-million investment and will create some 1,000 new jobs, and this project is closely related to the development of a new power plant in Lower Base. If the shipyard project pushes through, it would encompass the area currently occupied by the existing Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power plants in Lower Base. Moving the existing power plant to a new location in Lower Base and improving it resulted in the PPA, said Ayuyu.

That PPA was signed by SDLLC's David Mahmood, Fitial and former attorney general Edward Buckingham, a day before the latter took off.

The PPA made no mention of the shipyard project but Ayuyu said the power plant project and shipyard project are intertwined.

The governor has been working on seeking congressional approval to allow the CNMI to be included in the list of areas where U.S. military ships can be repaired.

Similar to the facility in Guam, a shipyard in the CNMI would give ships operating in and around region a ship repair facility with full dry dock and overhaul capabilities in the Western Pacific.

### Legislative fix

Sablan said he supports giving the CNMI the same advantages under federal law as other parts of the United States.

"So when I see a law that says U.S. military vessels cannot be repaired in the Northern Marianas, I work to fix that," he said. "I have introduced legislation to change that law and tried to get the provision into the National Defense Authorization Act. So far, there have been interests that don't want any competition from the Northern Marianas and that have blocked my efforts. That's a political reality. But it won't

stop me from trying. I'm not going away. But that also does not mean that one company will have exclusive rights to build a shipyard repair facility."

Sablan said once the law has been changed, "if a shipyard company wants to take advantage of that change and thinks it makes economic sense to locate in the Northern Marianas, then we will see that kind of economic development."

### Transparency

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), also in the meeting two weeks ago with Kenneth Mahmood, said that the senators didn't ask a lot of questions to Kenneth Mahmood because it was his brother David Mahmood that signed the PPA, not him.

"We want to hear it from the one who signed the PPA," Torres said.

Torres and Ayuyu said if it were up to them, they would like the next meeting with SDLLC officials to be in the Legislature so that the public would have a chance to see and listen to the discussions which they hope would include the real cost to the CNMI government and the individual utility customers, and the reason why the contract and PPA were kept secret from the very people affected by the 25-year deal.

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Rota), the main plaintiff in the lawsuit on the PPA, told reporters on Thursday that she will ask the court to issue a penal summons on Kenneth Mahmood and

other SDLLC officials while they are on-island "so they can answer to the people."

"We're going to file a motion to ask that a summons be served on Mr. Mahmood and any of the parties involved in this PPA that are here on island and then hopefully they can tell us and tell the people what is really the benefit of this PPA. I think again I must emphasize that our people need to know what they are sold for... What are we getting ourselves into... I still maintain that this contract is not in the best interest of our people," she said.

She also asks that the governor be upfront with the people about the PPA.

"They should all explain to the public and again, if the public agrees to this PPA then hey more power to the public but again something is fishy with this PPA. I still believe that this is not in the best interest of the public since the beginning," she said.

Maratita earlier said she believes the reason the governor didn't attend the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit in the Marshall Islands is the visit of SDLLC officials.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and press secretary Angel Demapan attended the MCES instead. Inos came back yesterday, in time for Fitial's trip to the Philippines.

There remains no full economic analysis done on the PPA, some four months since its signing became public.

## CLARIFICATION:

In the Nov. 22 article entitled, "Serenity Salon & Spa unveils new treatment machines," Lyna Macatangay was inadvertently addressed as a doctor. She is only a visiting skin care specialist from the Philippines and not a licensed doctor in the CNMI.

## FERRY

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miles to reach the CNMI.

"It's about time the administration does something right, by waiting for an economic analysis to be done before making any deal. Maybe they learned a lesson from the \$190.8-million power purchase deal," Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Dela Cruz, chairman of the Public Utilities and Infrastructure Committee of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, said this is the first time he heard about the administration's consideration of an \$80 million ferry.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), when asked for comment during the weekend, said it is "insulting" that the CNMI people would know about the matter from newspapers on the mainland.

"Don't you think it's a slap in the face to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to learn that we are going to spend our money on an ice-breaker by reading about it in the *Kansas City* newspaper or the Juneau, Alaska paper? That's just insulting to all of us," Sablan said.

Sablan, just like Dela Cruz, likened the \$80-million ferry deal to the sole-source \$190.8-million diesel power deal that was among the subjects of a defeated resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty and felony. The impeachment resolution is expected to be reintroduced in January by an incoming supermajority that was for-

merly the minority bloc.

"To me the \$80-million ferry deal looks just like the \$190-million diesel power deal. It's what we are all sick and tired with Governor Fitial. He's cutting deals behind everyone's back that will cost all of us millions of dollars. We've had enough of this nonsense," Sablan said.

Dela Cruz, for his part, said he feels the Fitial administration is trying to cover up for what it did with the power deal.

"I feel they're trying to let the people think that they are trying to do their due diligence by waiting for an economic analysis on this ferry project to try to cover up for what they did with the PPA. I'm a little dumbfounded with such things happening," said Dela Cruz, reiterating that the administration should cancel the no-bid, \$190.8-million power purchase deal with Saipan Development LLC.

During the weekend, the Fitial administration confirmed its "several weeks" of communication with the vessel owners but said it is not interested in the matter.

### 'Weeks of communication'

James Stump, legal counsel to the governor, had been communicating with the owners of the vessel with detailed questions, including whether the *Susitna's* ice-breaking features be altered and how it would function from high-speed to low speed, among other things.

Stump, when asked for comment by the *Saipan Tribune* during the weekend, replied via a statement coursed through press secretary Angel Demapan, who said that "the Commonwealth informed the parties from Alaska that

we were not interested in this matter, although we were very appreciative of their generous offer."

"The complexity and costs associated with marine passenger and transportation services dictates that a thorough and complete review be conducted prior to engagement of this activity with adequate public input," said Demapan, who was with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos in the Marshall Islands for last week's Micronesian Chief Executives Summit. Inos came back yesterday, just in time for Fitial's trip to the Philippines.

Demapan confirmed that the CNMI was approached "several weeks ago" by parties involved in ferry services in Alaska "to provide the community a vessel that could be made available at low cost."

The Fitial administration spoke to the designer of the vessel to obtain some basic information regarding the unsolicited proposal, "but made the determination that the proper approach to be used in examination of the feasibility of expanded marine services was to follow the agreed upon four-step process of economic analysis, federal support, development of business plan, and pilot program," Demapan said.

The CNMI, whose government budget for fiscal year 2013 is only \$114 million, has been exploring ways to address shortcomings of marine cargo and passenger services between the islands and one of those options is establishing a ferry service.

According to national news media, including *The Anchorage Daily News* on Nov. 29, the CNMI's interest may have originated with an individual in Vancouver, David Oliver of the Seahurst Group, according to the borough.

## DPL

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the rule implementation during lengthy discussions.

But when the delegation resumed session in the afternoon, only 10 Saipan lawmakers showed up, falling short of at least one member to have a quorum.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (IR-Saipan) said the delegation wants to tell DPL not to implement the rule until they have reached a compromise with marine operators, but he said later on that the House Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), had already formally asked DPL not to implement the rule.

Palacios, in a separate interview, said if DPL does not hold off on its plan, "it will force legislators to amend the current law basically stripping DPL of its authority to promulgate the rules."

House floor leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) said the plan was to write a letter to the Office of the Attorney General notifying it that legislation shall be forthcoming to address the issue.

Lawmakers expressed worry that marine sports operators would be forced to lose business, lay off employees, and fold up their business if DPL prohibits them from picking up tourists from Managaha for commercial activities they booked while they were on Saipan.

Palacios wrote a Nov. 20 letter to DPL's Ray Salas, but as of Friday, Palacios said he has yet to receive a response from DPL.

As House Natural Resources Committee chair, Palacios is asking a public hearing where oral testimony may be given, on the Managaha rule.

In his two-page letter, Palacios said the authority to promulgate regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act is a delegation by the legislature of its authority to enact legislation.

"The Legislature has never delegated the authority to promulgate regulations to the Department of Public Lands nor any of its predecessors. The Department of Public Lands has no authority to adopt the proposed regulations," Palacios told Salas.

Palacios also said even if DPL had the authority to promulgate regulations, the Legislature can withdraw or modify that authority.

"In the event that regulations are adopted, the Legislature has the authority to amend or repeal regulations as it deems appropriate," he added.

Palacios also raised concern about Salas's appointment as DPL secretary, which is pending Senate confirmation.

"To fully address these concerns, and other concerns the public may have, as chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, pursuant to 1 CMC 9104(a) (2), I am requesting a public hearing where oral testimony may be given," he added.

Back in Oct. 26, the House was able to ask DPL to hold off implementing the rule on Oct. 29, so that parties can reach an agreement—marine sports operators, DPL, and its Managaha concessionaire Tasi Tours. A month later, the parties have not reached an agreement.

Rexford Kosack, legal counsel for Tasi Tours, said at the time that if the CNMI government has entered into a contract with Tasi Tours promising that Tasi Tours will have the exclusive right to parasailing and banana boating, "then Tasi Tours is entitled to that right."



# Month-long Christmas in the Marianas campaign kicks off



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Jhaylin John Cruz, 5, walks past one of the entries for the 7th Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Contest, which were evaluated at Paseo de Marianas Saturday night during the Christmas in the Marianas kickoff hosted by the newly formed Friends of the Paseo de Marianas.

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REPORTER

Friends of Paseo de Marianas formally launched its Christmas celebration Saturday night with the traditional Christmas tree lighting and the preliminary judging of the entries for the 7th Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Contest.

Scores of community members gathered at Paseo de Marianas despite a brief downpour to witness Misako Kamata of PDM Promoters Inc., one of three members of the newly formed group, switch on the colorful lights of the giant outdoor Christmas tree right at the heart of the Garapan walkway.

Kamata was joined by the young dancers of the Saipan Awaodori Team, which joined the roster of performers that included Green Meadow School and Keynotes School of Music.

Saturday's spectators also delighted in other fun activities offered by an array of game booths. Various food vendors were also at the venue to satisfy the audiences' cravings while enjoying the program.

"This is the first time that three groups collaborated to form the Friends of Paseo de Marianas which will be hosting the month-long Christmas in the Marianas celebration, and we're very happy that many people came out regardless of the rain," PDM Promoters representative Sonia Siwa told *Saipan Tribune*.

The event was also highlighted by the judging of the entries for the 7th Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Contest.

A total of 13 public and private elementary schools participated in the competition. Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School initially signed up but later backed out due to hectic schedule, and was replaced by the Seventh-day Adventist School.

Other schools are Green Meadow School, Agape Christian School, Grace Christian Academy, Golden Harvest International School, Joshua Generation International Academy, Mount Carmel School, San Antonio, Tanapag, Dandan, Oleai, William S. Reyes, and Garapan elementary schools.

Siwa said three of the six judges evaluated last Dec. 1 the entries which were decorated on Nov. 30. They were Joe Kaipat of the Division of Environmental Quality, James Nelson of Docomo Pacific, and Ruel Villacrusis of RNV Construction.

She said some of the judges wanted to assess the durability of the Christmas decorations and ornaments made of recycled materials and opted to do the evaluation on a later date.

The judges that have yet to give their scores on the entries are Ed Arriola of Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Galleria, Maryann Teregeyo of the Department of Land and Natural

Resources, and Esther Fleming and/or Michelle Tagabuel of Women's Affairs Office.

A Japanese tourist, who saw the Christmas trees, offered to be included as one of the judges.

"The judges told us that they had a hard time evaluating the entries because all the schools made creative designs out of recycled materials for their decorations," said Siwa, adding that the contest winners would be announced on Dec. 8.

Also this coming Saturday, Friends of Paseo de Marianas will host float and costume competitions as part of holiday festivities for the community.

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## DESPITE BABAUTA'S SUSPENSION:

## OIA assures hospital issues remain top priority

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Despite the suspension of Assistant Interior Secretary Tony Babauta, the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs expressed its commitment to help the Commonwealth in addressing the challenges in its lone public hospital.

OIA communications director Kate Kelly, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, disclosed that the recent change in the administration at the office has been

communicated with both Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta.

Tony Babauta, who was recently placed on administrative leave pending results of federal probe relating to travel and contracts, spent numerous times last month in meetings with the CHCC officials discussing in its entirety the immediate challenges that need to be rectified by the hospital in order not to lose its accreditation with Centers for Medi-

care and Medicaid Services.

Among the discussions were the plans of OIA to provide technical assistance monies to bring in much-needed laboratory director and lab manager, which are major requirements in addressing the remaining immediate jeopardies slapped by Medicare.

Also on the OIA's table is the \$5 million proposal to replace the hospital's air-conditioning system, which Tony Babauta earlier confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that will be given con-

sideration by his office. Babauta, during last month's visit on island, said that he will also be personally involved in the CHCC issues to ensure resolution of its challenges.

"The Office of Insular Areas remains committed to addressing the challenges associated with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation. Director Pula has personally spoken to both Governor Fitial and CHC CEO Juan Babauta to reiterate that the issue remains a top priority for the Department. Interior will honor commitments made to support CNMI health services in both the short and long term and will continue

to work closely with HHS officials to address the hospital's critical issues," stated Kelly in her email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Meantime, CHCC CEO Juan N. Babauta and COO Esther Muna confirmed during Friday's board meeting the commitment earlier expressed by OIA.

Babauta reported to the board that he spoke with OIA's Nik Pula last Wednesday where the federal official specifically discussed some hospital issues including, among other things, the list of equipment that needed to be replaced at CHC.

According to the CEO, OIA's Pamela Brown was supposed to join Friday's corporation board meeting to reaffirm the continued OIA's support and commitment to the hospital but due to some circumstances, Brown was not able to fly in.

Muna, for her part, disclosed last Friday that OIA is still onboard and committed to provide assistance in the following areas: hospital supplies, revenue cycle manager, and the fare and per diem of the 10-member medical team that will be deployed by HHS to the CHC which include the much-needed laboratory director and lab manager.

Muna said OIA is also present in all recent teleconferences of the corporation with the Medicare people regarding deficiencies and corrective measures for the hospital.

Tony Babauta is the highest ranking Pacific islander to serve in the U.S. government. He was temporarily replaced in his position by Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Eileen Sobeck. President Barack Obama nominated Babauta in July 2009 and the U.S. Senate confirmed him in September 2009.



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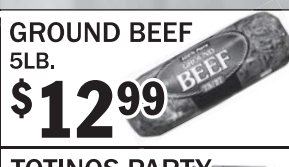
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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### LEADERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

#### PHASE I

(amendment from 10/10/12 announcement)

**Opening Date:** November 30, 2012

**Closing Date:** December 13, 2012

The Division of Youth Services under the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be opening thirty (30) job skills training opportunities that will be funded under the Community Services Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The training will commence from December 19, 2012 to September 30, 2013 and will cover the following program areas: CHILD PROTECTION UNIT; JUVENILE PROBATION UNIT; PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM; FAMILY AND YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND DYS OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR. Selected participants must complete at least 100 hours of training from respective units/programs above and complete at least 5 trainings offered by DYS. Some specific responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Assisting with administrative services
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- Participating in Innovative and informative trainings offered by DYS
- Establishing positive collaborative relationships with the community
- Acting as outreach liaison between DYS and the community
- Conducting community needs assessment through various community outlets
- Performing other duties as assigned

The purpose of this program is to support activities designed to assist low-income families and individuals through training opportunities and at the same time receive stipend for the commitment demonstrated in strengthening youth development and prevention programs in the community. The stipend is a one-time \$500 payment for fulfilling the above requirements. Training hours will vary with the unit/program in which the selected participant is assigned to.

Applications may be picked up at the DYS Office of the Director, House #1324 in Capitol Hill. For further information, please contact Vivian Sablan at 664-2559 or Alex Olopai at 664-2552.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### LEADERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

#### PHASE II

**Opening Date:** November 30, 2012

**Closing Date:** December 13, 2012

The Division of Youth Services under the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be opening thirty (10) job skills training opportunities that will be funded under the Community Services Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The training will commence from December 19, 2012 to September 30, 2013 and will cover the following program areas: PARENT EDUCATION CHILDREN'S PROGRAM; DYS EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM AND FAMILY AND YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. Selected participants must complete at least 450 hours of training from respective units/programs above and complete at least 5 trainings offered by DYS. Some specific responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Providing direct care, tutorial and recreational activities to Emergency Shelter clients
- Providing programs and services under the Parent Education Children's Program based on the Parents Anonymous Children's Program Standards and Benchmarks
- Assisting with the delivery of family and youth enhancement programs
- Participating in Innovative and informative trainings offered by DYS
- Assisting with the Community Outreach events and establishing positive collaborative relationships with the community
- Conducting community needs assessment through various community outlets
- Performing other duties as assigned
- The purpose of this program is to support activities designed to assist low-income families and individuals through training opportunities and at the same time receive stipend for the commitment demonstrated in strengthening youth development and prevention programs in the community. The one-time stipend for this opportunity is \$2,500 for fulfilling the above requirements, however, payment can be requested on a monthly basis. Training hours will vary with the type of services needing immediate scheduling. Applicants must meet certain requirements.

Applications may be picked up at the DYS Office of the Director, House #1324 in Capitol Hill. For further information, please contact Vivian Sablan at 664-2559 or Alex Olopai at 664-2552.

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs

#### FY 2013 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Department of Community & Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is soliciting request for proposals for FY 2013 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds as defined in section 676A of the CSBG Act under Title XX of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. A total of \$90,000 is made available to be divided and sub-granted to 3 non-government agencies/non-profit community organizations in the CNMI upon meeting the specific qualifications/provisions of the said funding through the CSBG State Plan.

The purpose of the CSBG funding is to make grants to States and Territories for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities and the empowerment of low-income families to become fully self-sufficient. The special intent of this funding will be to fund projects that will provide services to the community who are considered economically disadvantaged addressed through the CSBG Six (6) National Performance Indicators.

All proposals must be submitted to the DCCA Office of the Secretary no later than December 13, 2012, 4:30 p.m. A copy of the grant general requirements/conditions, subgrantee responsibilities and other scope relating to the funding can be obtained at the DYS main office, House #1324 in Capital Hill. For additional questions or inquiries, please contact Vivian T. Sablan, CSBG Program Coordinator, at 664-2559 or Ms. Resel Magofna-Billy at 664-2568.

/s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao  
DCCA Secretary

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# Docomo to sponsor Paskong Pinoy 2012

Docomo Pacific has pledged its support for the United Filipino Organization by becoming its first major sponsor for Paskong Pinoy 2012.

Secretary Annamae Adaza said on Saturday that besides Docomo Pacific, the network of some 20 Filipino groups in the CNMI also has minor sponsors for their signature annual Christmas event.

They are Tan Siu Lin Foundation, LBC, Western Union, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Barny's Pizza.

"We still welcome any individuals or companies who want to donate or sponsor our event," said Adaza.

Paskong Pinoy is scheduled on Dec. 15, Saturday, from 3pm to 10pm at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Adaza, who is the incoming UFO president, said the event will be highlighted by the popular *Deal or No Deal* game which will feature the biggest cash prize ever. The event will also feature live entertainment and other fun activities.

One of the activities is the art contest with the Christmas theme for children 6 to 11 years old. Winners will take home cash prizes of \$30, \$20, and \$10, respectively.

The individual singing contest will have two categories—children and adults—and the grand prizewinners will receive \$50 each. On the other hand, the chorale singing contest winner will have the \$200 grand prize.

For the lantern contest, Adaza said a \$10 registration fee will be required for each entry. The winner will be judged based on indigenous and recycled materials used as well as originality, and will win \$100.

There will also be a raffle draw on the day of the event, and each raffle ticket is available for only \$1 each. Ticket buyers will have the chance to become a contestant in the *Deal or No Deal* game.

Food vendors are invited to register and set up a tent at the event for only \$50, while non-food booths will have to pay \$40.

"We are calling all individual and group performers, interested contestants, and businesses to take part in this joyous event," added Adaza.

For more information, call the following contact persons: for sponsorships and donations, call Annamae ADaza at 288-1990 at night time or text 483-5237; contest and program, Olive Yana at 989-9823 or Minda Castro at 235-4286; for food and non-food vendors, Lynn Dela Cruz at 235-5481 or text Anna De Guzman at 989-2498; other related matters, call chair Bong Malasarte at 287-5525. (Clarissa V. David)



Dec. 3, 2001

#### MPLT, CDA sign loan deal for park improvement

The Commonwealth Development Authority and the Marianas Public Land Trust signed Friday a loan agreement and a promissory note that would release the \$2 million loan assistance for the American Memorial Park Beautification Project. CDA Board Chair Juan S. Tenorio and MPLT Board Chair Juan S. Torres said the loan agreement is expected to fast-track the completion of the project, which is seen to add value to Saipan as a tour destination. The MPLT agreed to loan out \$2 million to the CDA after Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed legislation into law, appropriating funds for the design and construction of a visitor center, memorial garden, among others at the American Memorial Park.

#### Efforts aimed at improving NMI's fed grant compliance

The House of Representatives has approved a bill that, in effect, would make the CNMI compliant with the grant terms of the Office of Insular Affairs and eligible once more for new grants. That is, if the measure makes it through the Senate to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio. During Thursday's session, the lower chamber passed House Bill 12-426, which transfers the responsibility for a classrooms project from the Rota High School to the Northern Marianas College. This is an amendatory measure on Public Law 11-7 that effectively relocates the site for the completed Architecture and Engineering building to Tatchog, Rota, and transfers the responsibility for the construction of a vocational shop and Junior Reserve Officers Training Course classrooms from the Rota High School to the NMC.

Dec. 3, 2002

#### House reviewing Article XII issues

House leaders are keenly revisiting debated issues in the Article 12 provisions on land ownership amid a study reflecting CNMI residents' resistance to any changes in the existing law and a separate petition seeking just the opposite. Rep. Arnold I. Palacios confirmed yesterday that the House is actively reviewing the issues and related legislative initiatives pending before the body. "We're reviewing the legal background. I've got a working document on it. We've been working on it but it's a very sensitive issue," Palacios told reporters yesterday.

#### Wright submits comments on Public Auditor's draft report

The Office of Public Auditor has sent a draft copy of its investigation report to the Northern Marianas College, regarding the NMC administration's recent reorganization that resulted in the termination of 11 personnel. College president Kenneth Wright yesterday confirmed this, adding that he and the NMC legal counsel have made a response, which will be sent back to the OPA. Wright said the draft report was transmitted to his office by the OPA last week for comments. Without divulging the data, he said the NMC made necessary corrections to the report.

Dec. 3, 2003

#### Senators' suspension cut by 15 days

The five-member Senate majority adopted a resolution yesterday shortening by 15 days the suspension imposed on minority members Pete P. Reyes, Ramon S. Guerrero, Thomas P. Villagomez and David M. Cing. The adoption of Senate Resolution 13-82 during a Tinian session rendered what was supposed to be a 30-day suspension over by Dec. 1, Monday. Senate President Paul A. Manglona said the move to lift the suspension earlier than expected was in line with the governor's call for unity in the upper chamber, as well as the common sentiment of the majority members.

#### Torres asks JAL to consider 3 NMI scholars in study program

Rep. William S. Torres has asked the JAL Foundation to consider accepting three scholars from the CNMI for its two-week study program/symposium next year. Although the CNMI has ceased participating in the foundation's scholarship program since 1990, Torres said a recent meeting with the group's officials had them expressing willingness to host one scholar from the CNMI. Torres said he is hoping that the foundation would reconsider and increase this to three. There has been no response from the foundation as of press time, according to Torres. In a letter to JAL Foundation general manager Eisel Semba, Torres said the CNMI has the potential to contribute to the peaceful and prosperous regions of Asia and the Oceania and be an active participant in advancing international relations by promoting educational, cultural, and socioeconomic exchange network.



# FSM honorary consul office opens in HK



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
From left, Director Judy Li, FSM Honorary Consul Dr. Tan Siu Lin, Ambassador Akillino H. Susaia, and Director General Zhu Taoying participated in the ribbon cutting to signify the opening of the Office of the FSM Honorary Consul in Hong Kong last Nov. 23, 2012.

Federated States of Micronesia Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Akillino H. Susaia was in Hong Kong to witness and participate in the unveiling ceremony of the Office of the FSM Honorary Consul at the Nanyang Plaza in the Kowloon side of Hong Kong last Nov. 23, 2012.

Representatives of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) government as well as the Chinese Central Government were in attendance for this historical occasion along with various Hong Kong business representatives and friends of the FSM.

In a statement during the

ceremony, Susaia extended congratulations from President Mori and conveyed the FSM government's appreciation to Dr. Tan Siu Lin for his willingness to serve as the first FSM Honorary Consul in Hong Kong. He also said that with Dr. Tan's business knowledge and understanding of the Micronesian region, he will be able to promote the FSM as a tourist and investment destination. Both sides agree to work together to advance further FSM and China's model relationship.

Immediately after the unveiling ceremony, Honorary Consul Dr. Tan hosted a seminar

for economic and cultural exchanges among China and the Pacific Islands Countries at the Park Lane Hotel in the Causeway Bay area of Hong Kong. Susaia was one of the keynote speakers at the seminar. He encouraged Hong Kong's private

sector representatives at the seminar to consider the FSM as their next tourism and investment destination.

Dr. Tan's appointment as the FSM Honorary Consul in

Hong Kong further extends the promotional arms of the FSM in Asia. Aside from Hong Kong, the FSM also has honorary consuls in Korea, Japan, and the Philippines.

Accompanying Susaia to

Hong Kong was First Secretary Vincent Sivas.

For further information, contact the FSM Embassy in Beijing at Ph: (86)1065324708 or e-mail address: embassy@fsmembassy.cn. (PR)



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### EDITORIAL

## Remember, they'll always be around

**S**taring old age in the eyes and laughing, the Rolling Stones rocked a London crowd of 20,000 Sunday, reminding anyone who has even just tolerated their blues-influenced pop and shamelessly commercial music of the raw power of rock-and-roll. And this on their 50th anniversary tour.

The theatrical Mick Jagger swiveled his hips a little less quickly and wasn't quite as acrobatic as when he satisfied crowds in Philadelphia's old JFK Stadium 31 years ago, or at the equally vintage Live Aid concert, when he danced with the formidable Tina Turner. But the videos circulating on the Web show a defiant Jagger. At 69, he is still bursting with the peerless, in-your-face exuberance that defined the genre.

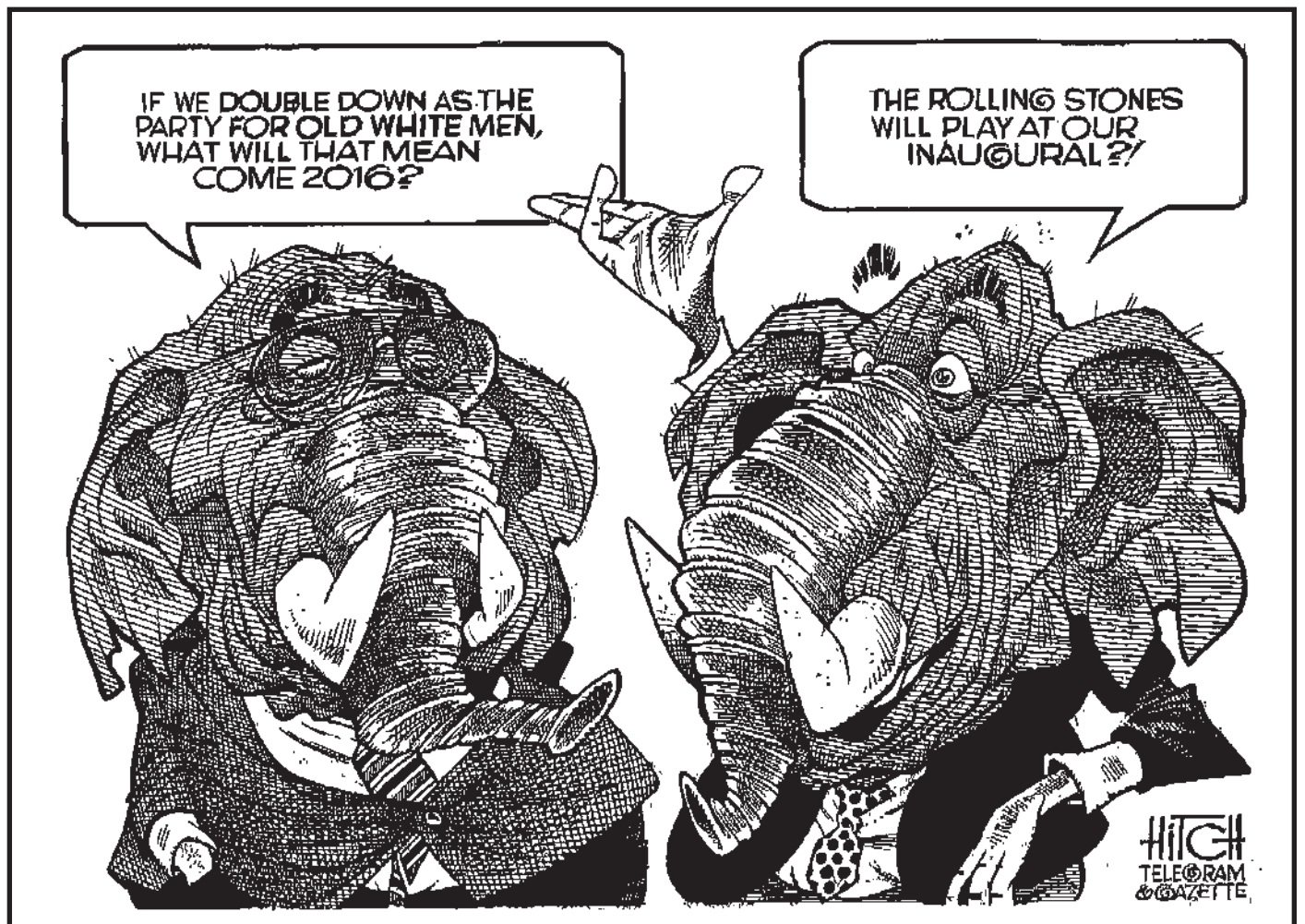
They opened with an old Beatles song, "I Wanna Be Your Man," as if to settle the "Beatles or Stones" argument. On that tune, at least, the Beatles win.

At one point, Jagger, clad in skin-tight black jeans and T-shirt, took a break to say, "It's amazing we're still doing this, and it's amazing that you're still buying our records and coming to our shows." They played past curfew and may be fined. That's the nature of the game, isn't it?

The name of the critically acclaimed production is "50 and Counting." But at their age—the oldest, drummer Charlie Watts, is 71—it's more like 50 and flaunting.

The Stones are scheduled to play Brooklyn's Barclays Center and Newark's Prudential Center next month. Chances are rock's original bad boys will be there. Time seems to be on their side.

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## Work! Its value and meaning

**W**ork! Work! Daily we trudge to work for most of our adult life. It seems as though we are on a treadmill daily; we move not realizing where we are going. But how many times do we think why we work?

What are we striving toward? Why don't we just also line up at the food stamp office like so many others? Is it that they have lost any desire for work that they might have had or they happy with freebies? Work occupies most of our daily time and should be the most enjoyable time in our life, but is it?

Work—such a basic part of our life. So let's spend a few minutes and discuss work. While reading over my thoughts each of us should be thinking about why we work and whether we are happy doing it or not. I have a lot of questions to ask.

Did we fail in getting the work we had hoped to get while younger? Why do so many of us do the jobs we do? Why do so many of us want to work for the government? Why do so many of not like work that requires skills such as painting, electrical, plumbing and other trades? Why do some of us become skilled managers and the rest of us remain as clerks? Why so some of us hire professionals who we go to help us? Why didn't we become lawyers or doctors or some other specialist? What is the motivation of people that we consider successful? Why is it that the rest of us do not become successful or happy in doing what we do?

I have been taught that I must find the work that I love and love the work I do. Frankly speaking, I have found that love. And when that love fades I move on to another line of work. I have worked at many jobs and have left many jobs because they had become burdensome. It isn't the salary that makes me move on. I refuse to stay in any job which I can not enjoy. I am sure that many of us have been as lucky, while some of us have buried ourselves and burned out our joy of living in a boring and unappreciative job.

The other day one of my employees pleasantly surprised me. He showed me a photograph of his house in the Philippines. "Mr. Pellegrino, thank you for allowing me to work in your company so many years. With the money I have earned I have been able to build this house for my family. When I return home I will be able live in it until I die."

Then he showed me another photograph. "This is my wife and my children who are living in it presently. Thank you so much for allowing me to accomplish this." I walked away almost in tears. No one had expressed their gratitude in such a manner before. To this gentleman his work over the years produced a house and a happy family waiting for him to return even though he has to be away from them for along period of time. Wow! What a reminder of why we work.

As we all realize, work comes in many shapes. Think how related we are to each other without realizing how necessary we are to one another. The garments we wear were made by someone; the food and drinks we consume daily were produced by some stranger. The buildings and houses we use daily were built by strangers. The auto-

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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mobile, the cell phone, on and on are created by someone we never meet but they are vital to our comfort and happiness.

Consider what you do and how it affects other people that you never meet but reply upon what you do. A telephone operator fulfills a need. A celebrity singer arouses feelings in us. The man or woman who cleans up where we work serves a vital chore. Without that person think what our workplace would look like. So it goes.

In this column this morning, I am not praising any particular work or putting down any particular work. I just want us to realize that what we do daily is important to many other people. And we must come to realize that the work we do daily in a drudgery manner is really important. What is the secret to making our work so much more pleasant and happy? Change our ATTITUDE towards it. When we change our attitude towards it, we become happy and arouse a feeling that what we are doing is needed by someone else.

Allow me to cite several examples from my own experiences in my companies. When the water delivery man comes to any customer's house, he has been trained to think of the pleasure that the water will give to the drinker in that house. He is not delivering a bottle of water, but satisfaction of a need—thirst. On the sunset dinner cruise boat, we do not offer a boat ride, but an evening of enjoyment on the water with dancing, good food and companionship. In other words we do not sell a product. We sell a need. People do not buy a product. They buy a need. So it is in all workplaces.

Hopefully you are thinking about why you are working. Retirement is not the end of work. To me retirement means moving from one occupation to another. We should use our experience to pass it on the younger generation. We should feel that whatever work we do is vital to someone else. We are all interconnected without realizing it. Our daily work should motivate and bring happiness to us.

What has happened to us in the CNMI? Why do we have about 11,000 non resident workers and about 11,000 food stamp recipients and growing daily? How do we explain this? Also what work ethic do the nonresident workers possess that we do not possess? Why do they struggle so desperately to remain here despite the fact that they have to live in a foreign country and be away from their family and friends?

Today I have not tried to answer any questions about the value of work but to make us think why work and its quality is impor-

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**Kustumbren Finu’ Lahe**

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I mañainata mana’ sentatkilu’ i mafanana’an “finu lahe”. Era, gaige gi usun palabra na mau-udai i sensian integridat yan dignu. Haf’ un’ sañgan debi siña un’ defende fitme katkuet ora. Gigon un’ chukan ya bumuyente fino’mu, maulegña taki’ galagu gi hilu’ odda ke hagu. Estague’ un’ kustumbren natibu ni pumula’ haye yan haf’ hit na tautague.

I rason na metgot este na patte gi mañainata sa’ man-unestu gi maseha haf na kontrata. Hombre tulaikan un’ tanu’ yan guaka ti mana’ mapot. Piot ya para uson fandango. Masera i kontran inatulaika sin distension. Nina’e hau ni guaka dispues ha chule’ i tulaikaña.

Piniloghu na este na kustumbre halom natibu ha’ ‘nai gaige. Lau mas kalaktus este i usun finu’ lahe gi lamagai na inetnun ni hu fa-toigue kumu representanten iya Marianas deste SPC, ESCAP yan otro siha otganisasion. Fotmat lokue’ finu’ lahe giya Japon. I mafahan tanu’ tatnai mapreparaye papet. Sa hafa? Sa’ masera ayu na kontrata gi hilu’ fotmat na inatuñgu’. Ti presisu abugau gi disposi-

sion tanu’ yan otro siha asuntu.

Pot esu na man-gef talaña gi halom hunta todú representanten gobietnu siha gi halom iya Pasifiku yan Asia. Makula yan analisa kabales haf’ fino’mu piot ‘nai kulan gai minakat i asuntu gi lamasa. Estague’ ‘nai malili’e kau fuminu’ lalahe hau. Taya’ kampu guine para malabidan untat Pedro Malas.

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**Che’chu’ Lahe**

Gi dinaña familia ‘sino man-amku’, guaha ‘nai oppan haye siha parientela ni hagas ti un’ supone. Pot ihemplu, mampos hana’ mat-manyu’ na i tatan biuhu gi bandan as tatahu untat un’ fulanu. Patgoña bastadu si biuhu. Dispues si pop manliles gi as biahu ayu mina’ bastadu lokue’ I amku’. Mana’ fan apalo’pu’ i bastadu siha.

I masusede guiya i mafanana’an “che’chu’ lahe”. Lokue, mampos chanseru este i lahen Chamorro. Gigon unnae’ kampu, mamó’lu regalon nuebe mesis ya i prohima kumatga todú haf’ para u fana’ dispues. Esta namatman i guaha tataña yan nanaña un’ prohimu lau otro tataña. Guaha lokue’ na tiha tuñgu haye enfin tataña ayu buente na mampos silug.

Dispues, haf’ para tachogue nu este siha na fina’pos. Listuyu’ umaksepta haye gi magahet apotyeduhu lau po’lu pot mana’ silensiu bai’ sotta gi tai guenau. Hombre este i che’chu’ konkabidu i mansañgan na che’chu lahe. Ke lau guaha mohon lokue’ che’chu’ palao’an? Hmmm! Adahe sa’ gai finette lokue’ siha i hiniñgohu esta pa’gu na tiempu.

Lau muña nina’ fan chatsaga sa’ pot ayu na rason na guaha ha’ lokue’ ayu na palabra i santulon yan santuloña.

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**Preparasion**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Feeling good about the CNMI**

There were some new and impressive changes at Joeten, Susupe, as of last night (Thursday). There were shiny new price tags, and every item was labeled. This is a very good thing for all concerned, and I thank Mr. Bo Palacios for overseeing this timely upgrade. Frankly, I never thought I would see this happening. I am smiling.

I am also appreciative of his letter in today’s (Friday’s) newspapers. Although I never mentioned Joeten Supermarkets by name, he was correct in his inference. Anyhow, I am happy they are making the shopping experience less confusing and more enjoyable for the customers. I am no longer holding my breath: they are changing things for the better.

I have not yet visited some of the other, non-Joeten, supermarkets I mentioned. I am hopeful that they, too, will act as responsibly as Joeten has.

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I was pleased and proud to read that Congressman Kilili Sablan has been elected whip for Region II of the Democratic Caucus in the U.S. Congress. He is a bright light and a fine man, and he has now been recognized by his peers as a leader. Not only does this reflect well on Mr. Sablan, it makes the CNMI star shine a little brighter. Hats off to our rep: he continues to bring pride to these islands.

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I am glad to see the Christmas decorations in front of the Multi-Purpose Center. This wouldn’t happen in the States, because the ACLU would instigate legal action to have it removed from public property. But here, Christian values prevail and the tree, the crèche and the lights all remain, glowing, for all to see and to smile at. Now if it would only snow a little on Christmas Eve; that would be fantastic.

It occurred to me, and perhaps to you, that The Multi-Purpose Center is a lousy name for a building. It is a fine facility and gets used well for all sorts of events, but the name is a mouthful. Maybe it could be renamed to something else, such as Carnegie Hall. It would be wonderful to have a Carnegie Hall on Saipan. Then, when kids perform a Christmas show, they could tell their friends, “I just played at Carnegie Hall!”

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I learned yesterday that the AGO has initiated a division to investigate and prosecute corruption in the CNMI. This is unprecedented, to say the least. We have needed such an investigative team for decades, and it will be wonderful to see what they catch in their nets.

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So much has changed since Aug. 3, 2012. That was the day that Mr. Buckingham made his shady departure to escape the law. Since then, there has been a sea change in the government, the Impeach! movement gained an astonishing amount of traction, and the elections proved that the people can vote responsibly for a better CNMI. I am feeling really good about Saipan and the CNMI!

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I don’t know how long I have known Bud White, but he did something yesterday that ought to make every breast swell with pride. He learned that the driver for Call-A-Ride had not been paid for several weeks. He went up to the legislature and sat in on a joint session which had not only members of the house and senate, but also the incoming lawmakers also. It was a full house. The grants and initiatives they discussed were long-term projects that would take months to bring to fruition.

At one point, Bud got up and announced that he was going to do something that, he believed, had never been done before on Capital Hill. He explained that the driver for Call-A-Ride had not been paid for four weeks. Bud then took out a cup and put in \$100.00. Then he said, “I am going to each one of you, and I want you to open your wallets and make a contribution to this fellow.” Bud then went around the chamber and every single person in the room took out some money and put it into Bud’s cup. In the end, the driver got close to \$1,000. The lawmakers got a real kick out of Bud and his direct approach. There were many smiles in the chamber yesterday morning, and Christmas has come a little early for one grateful driver.

**Russ Mason**  
*Oleai*

Booker T. Washington once wrote: “Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.” And Sam Ewing added: “Hard work spotlights the character of people; some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don’t turn up at all.” Thomas Edison states it simply: “There is no substitute for hard work.”

Don’t forget that SMILE! It brightens our day and guides us through it. So SMILE! SMILE! It doesn’t cost us anything, but as it slides from our face it multiplies in immense value. SMILE!

Bes enkuandu, megai lini’eta gi finaposta deste tinilaikan klima, tiempu yan otro siha asuntu. Gi tiempun maipe, mamoduñg i hagon troñku siha ya tat ti nina’ tostus gi anaku na mat-tiempon maipe.

Gi birada, tali’e man-biña’ siha i hagon troñku señat mamamaila’ i primet Agua de Abrit ‘sino tiempun uchan. Esta man-babaila i hagon siha, i pajaru lokue’ sige mañganta gi airen paraisu. Freskon ñaihon i tanu’ piot ya umafagcha’ yan dineku’ gualafon.

Gi todú este siha na tinilaika, gaige un’ palabra: preparasion. Kau espirituat ‘sino haf’ un’ fafana’, preparasion i gaige gi menamu para siakassu na finatoigue hau ni ti un’ ekspepekta.

Preparasion para Thanksgiving ‘nai un’ tutuhon dinaña satton na famiia. Ta konduse halom esta i finagpu’ Año Nuebu ‘sino Tres Reyes. Lau kada tiempu ta pokate fehman gi hilu’ preparasion.

Yangin sige mona ya tali’e i dos amku’ na mas ñaba’ kinalamten niha, ta atrebi hit ni famaguon lumagnos kanaita para ta setbe siha. Hana’e este na setbisiu tiempu para preparasion siakassu na guaha gi entre dos madispose. Todú pot todú tana’ guaguaha preparasion.

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Un’ tiuhu hagas ha potfia gumai pake ni dañkulu. Kada dia ha pulan un’ Marinu ni gumaguaddia i Puetton Tanapag para u ke faisen ni pakiña. Uttimoña ha atrebigue’ fumaissen. Ilegña, “Hey, Joe, you like chenyi’ (exchange) pukpak (gun) and be’ (cattle)?” Ineppe, “I don’t understand, sir”. Ilegña i amku’ lokue’, “Am too!” A’ Saina!

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Paya’ i amiguahu fuminu’ Chamorro. Un’ biahe ha faisenyu haf’ kumeke ilegña “efshit” (deficit). Hu esplikaye na guiya ‘nau ‘nai memegaiña gastomu ke keblemu. Ha atanyu’ dispues ilegña, “An taya’ este mage, pues muña a’ gasta este guatu”. Era ‘an tai salape’ hau, pues muña makabronuye mañaluda ni ti tihonñmu.

**Congratulations**

We would like to congratulate Marissa K. Sablan of Koblerville (Saipan) for speaking out on what she believes is not right within our community. Since the inception of our first form of government (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands), we as a society had been favoring our relatives, friends, and supporters when it comes to giving out entitlement.

No matter where you go on this earth, familial, nepotism and giving the goods to the people who are close to us is the agenda of the day. We should know it by now that it is not what you know, but who you know and who you blow. No matter how many degrees you have or how many years you work within an area of a profession, it boils down to whom you know to project yourself forward within our society.

Don’t get us wrong, because many of us benefited from such predicaments in the past and it is up to us to do something for the sake of our future generation. For Ms. Sablan to speak out on such issue in itself is a sign that we as a society needs to start speaking out for the betterment of the whole. Ms. Sablan, it is an uphill battle for anyone within our society to turn his/her back on the norm of our society. But it is very puzzling that our sitting governor is about to be crucified for doing the norm within our society. In our society, we had been comfortable giving to our relatives, friends and supporters when it comes to government positions or contracts.

Also the Executive Branch making side deals with other entities was the norm in the past, but for some reason our present governor is being attacked for the same reason and he is about to be thrown out office for doing our society’s norm. About a year or so ago an individual called us, she stated that she was calling from Virginia and she is a volunteer consultant for one of our elected officials in the CNMI. She wants to return our political donation and it was an insult in the part of our elected official whom she represents.

Are we not worthy of giving political contributions to our candidate? We instructed her to follow the protocols of the election commission which regulates the election process for which our elected official participated. The Special Committee on Impeachment relating to the governor was conceived during a leadership meeting and maybe the former to be Senate president will clarify or verify such meeting several months ago. We might be naive and ignorant at times, but we are not uneducated and we have a purpose in our life. We had been saying it in the past and we will say it again, we need other ethnicities to participate within our political system to eradicate corruption within our society. It is called check and balance within our three branches of government.

**Segundo Castro**  
*Fresno, CA*

**WORK!**

*From Page 10*






tant to all of us. Please think about work and see how it fits you. It will make a difference in our lives and happiness. Hopefully I have made you think about the work you do and how it affects your life and that of your neighbors. Work can be a daily sheer joy or a daily sheer drudgery. Which is yours?



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87 ▼81
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼78
Majuro	Showers	▲88 ▼81

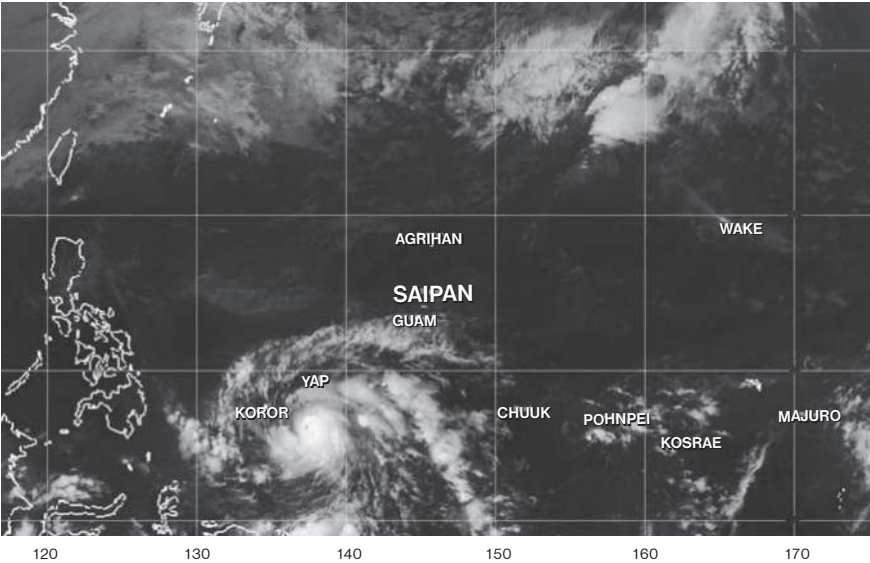
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲70 ▼61
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲38 ▼23
Hong Kong	Showers	▲65 ▼61
Honolulu	Showers	▲80 ▼71
London	Ice	▲49 ▼32
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼54
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼53
Miami	Showers	▲77 ▼66
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼45
Osaka	Showers	▲51 ▼41
Paris	Ice	▲44 ▼30
Pusan	Windy	▲47 ▼32
Rome	Showers	▲47 ▼36
Salem	Showers	▲50 ▼47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲33 ▼24
Tokyo	Showers	▲58 ▼41
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲64 ▼48

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:16 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Bopha (26W) is centered 370 miles east-southeast of Koror Palau near 6N140E and moving toward west-northwest at 14 mph with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph. Scattered heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 10N and 2N from 135E to 147E. For More information on Typhoon Bopha, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough across Kosrae state is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 9N and 2N from 160E to 167E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from across the Marshall Islands to the date line within 200 miles of a line from 9N168 to 5N180. A winter storm east of Japan is moving eastward. Clouds and patchy rain across Iwo To island are north of a line from 23N130E to 23N143E while scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Minami Tori Shima island are north of a line from 24N151E to 24N156E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:28 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:29 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:31 AM	5:46 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:35 PM	9:45 AM
Tuesday	10:25 PM	10:27 AM
Wednesday	11:15 PM	11:08 AM
Thursday		11:49 AM
Friday	12:07 AM	12:30 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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- BUSINESS Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
- SAMUT SARI Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
- TRAVELOGUE Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOV. 21, 2012

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily	UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:25pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 6, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 5, 6
OZ608	3:30am	6:40am	3	OZ607	9:35pm	2:25am+1	2
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU7108	2:50am	5:55am	1, 3, 5	MU7107	6:30pm	1:50am+1	2, 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
VLK1734	2:00am	8:15am	5 every other week	VLK1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4 every other week
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	DL172/288	8:00am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA702/605	12:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	10:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:20pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5073	11:25pm	10:40am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 102	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



## Census demographic profile for CNMI

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in conjunction with U.S. Census Bureau and through the Department of Commerce, are pleased to report on the 2010 CNMI Demographic Profile Summary File, Census of Population and Housing.

Population subjects include: Age, Children ever born (fertility), Citizenship status, Class of worker, Disability status, Earnings in 2009, Educational attainment, Employment status and subsistence activity, Ethnic origin or race, Family type, Foreign-born status, Grandparents as caregivers, Group quarters population, Health insurance coverage status, Housing type and relationship, Income in 2009, Industry, Journey to work (commuting), Language spoken at home and frequency of language usage, Marital status, Nativity, Occupation, Parents' place of birth, Place of birth, Place of work, Poverty status in 2009, Reason for moving, Remittances sent abroad in 2009, Residence in 2009 (migration), School enrollment, Service-connected disability status and ratings, Sex, Travel time to work, Veterans status, Vocational training, Work experience, and Year of entry.

Housing subjects include: Air conditioning, Battery-operated radio, Computer ownership, Gross rent, Internet services,

Kitchen facilities, Mortgage status, Number of bedrooms, Occupancy status, Occupancy per room, Plumbing facilities, Selected monthly owner costs, Sewage disposal, Source of water, Telephone service available, Tenure, Type of building materials, Units in structure, Vacancy status, Value of home, Vehicles available, Year householder moved into unit, and Year structure built.

These summary data are part of a series of information extracted from the concluded US Census 2010. This release is significant compare to previous releases which are on general population, housing count or selected characteristics at general geographic levels. This release has many more levels of geographies that reflect down to the village level. It has a vast array of 121 demographic, social, and economic tabulated tables.

This benefits the CNMI in many ways since not only NMI but all data users can now see important tabulations of poverty statistics present in the Commonwealth, as well as distribution of sex and age of the population, the breakdown of ethnicities, average sized households, median incomes of households and individuals, school enrollment and attainment and a host of other interesting characteristics as stated above. **(Office of the Governor)**

## Visitor arrivals up 8 percent in October

October 2012 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 8 percent compared to October 2011, marking a full year of consistent monthly growth in visitors to the islands. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 26,630 visitors in October compared to 24,693 in October 2011.

Arrivals from Japan reached

9,496 visitors in October, 9 percent higher than October last year, as the Japan market continues to stabilize. Without the benefit of charter flights supplementing airlift out of Japan, the increase was due primarily due to strong travel agency sales with their new brochures issued in October.

Arrivals from Korea rose 3 percent percent to 8,103 visitors. The supply of air seats to

the NMI out of the Korea market is projected to continue to increase in the final quarter of the year, with Asiana Airlines boosting its Busan-Saipan service from two to four flights a week beginning Nov. 20 and ensuring continued strong growth in Korean arrivals through the end of the year.

Arrivals from China continued a consistent double-digit increase, jumping another 34 percent in October to 6,886 visitors due to China's "Super Golden Week" in October. Chinese tourists had more time to travel abroad due to the combination of the Mid-Autumn Festival and China National

Day, which created an eight-day holiday in October. In addition to six weekly flights from Shanghai and Guangzhou, three weekly flights from Beijing launched Nov. 15, which will ensure continued extraordinary growth out of the China market for the remainder of the year.


Meanwhile, arrivals were down 4 percent from Russia to 468 in August. Bi-weekly charter flights by AviaCharter DV commenced from Vladivostok on Oct. 26 and will have a significant positive impact on arrivals from the Russia market over the next several months. **(MVA)**

## BOG declares 4th quarter dividends

BankGuam Holding Company, announced that its board of directors declared a \$0.125 per share quarterly cash dividend at the board's regular meeting held last Nov. 26, 2012. The dividend will be paid on Dec. 28, 2012 to shareholders of record as of Dec. 17, 2012.

"The small improvements

in our economy and continuing profitability of the bank has allowed us to pay dividends this quarter to our shareholders, and represent a favorable return on their investment," explained president and chair of the board, Lourdes "Lou" A. Leon Guerrero. **(BOG)**



### Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**RFP13-DOC-025**

Submission Date: December 24, 2012 Time: 2:00 p.m.

**"Development of the CNMI's Rate Review Office Information Technology Reporting System for the Department of Commerce"**

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, during regular working hours.


Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. John S. Blanco, CNMI's Rate Review Program Administrator (670) 664-3067 or e-mail to [cnmiraterreview@commerce.gov.mp](mailto:cnmiraterreview@commerce.gov.mp) no later than the **close of business, December 13, 2012.**

This is a federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.


/s/ Sixto K. Igisomar  
Secretary of Commerce

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, P&S



### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

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#### AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Francisco L. Kaipat**, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 21, 2001 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 26, 2001 under Document No. 01-268 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 128 D 51, (formerly known as part of Lot 018 D 57), containing an area of 620 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00 the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 99 as Document No. 99-2896 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Amended Notice of Default on September 21, 2011. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Monday, December 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. **The minimum acceptable bid offer shall be not less than \$69,000.00 the total amount due under the VA loan.**



A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within 72 hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC. The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash or cashier's check.


Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Lot No.:	128 D 51
Area:	620 m <sup>2</sup>
Gross Living Area:	1,201 Ft <sup>2</sup>
Location:	Adilanto Loop, Sugar King Estates, Saipan
3 BR, 2 Bath	
Minimum Bid:	\$69,000.00
Bid Date:	December 10, 2012
Bid Time:	10:00 a.m.
Bid Place:	NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan

DATED this 8th day of November, 2012.


/s/ Jesse S. Palacios  
Corporate Director, NMHC



### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

1211 CAPITOL HILL ROAD  
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TEL. NO. (670) 322-4363




#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §8113, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the Board will meet on Tuesday, December 04, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Office of Personnel Management Conference Room, Beach Rd. Garapan, Saipan. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

**AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
  - Roll Call
  - Review and Adoption of Agenda
  - Review and Adoption of Minutes
    - a. February 21, 2008 (Regular Meeting)
- II. New Business**
  - Office of Personnel Management Directors Report
  - Civil Service Commission Directors Report
  - Procure Legal Counsel
- III. Public Comment Period**
  - Individuals are required no more than 5 minutes as privileged.
- IV. Executive Session**
  - At anytime throughout the scheduled meeting of the Civil Service Commission, the Commission may be required to enter into an Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.
- V. Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- VI. Adjournment**



### NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### RFP NMC13-001

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed proposal from qualified firms as an "Independent Auditor" to perform a financial and compliance audit for the College.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Tuesday, December 04, 2012, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Proposal Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., January 4th, 2013,** at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950.

For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the RFP via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho ([anitac@nmnet.edu](mailto:anitac@nmnet.edu)).

Discussion may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and/or to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole discretion, to do so will be in the best interest of the College. All proposals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho  
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Attao  
Dean of Administration



# PH Concert King performs in front of 6K

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Philippine Concert King Martin Nievera proved to Saipan his singing prowess and on-stage charisma Friday night as he brought together fans of all ages and races for a powerhouse concert sponsored by Tan Holdings in celebration of the company's 40th anniversary of doing business in Micronesia.

Nievera took center stage at the Hopwood Jr. High School Field, performing for some 6,000 screaming fans a good number of whom did not mind standing for hours and craning their necks to get a glimpse of their much loved balladeer.

"Wow, what a crowd," said Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan as he thanked the audience, adding that the free concert was put together to show the company's appreciation for the communities in the region for their four decades of support.

He said that Tan Holdings has established businesses that have been instrumental in creating job opportunities and innovations over the years, becoming a part of these island communities while growing stronger as a business.

"Forty years have passed and we continue to remain committed to the region in terms of business and social progress," said Tan. "We look forward to forging new friendships, taking care of existing ones, and strengthening the bond with our communities." Friday's show, hosted by Tan Holdings corpo-



Philippine Concert King Martin Nievera, above, gestures as he encourages his fans to sing along with him during the free concert sponsored by Tan Holdings at the Hopwood Jr. High School Field Friday night. Below photo shows some of the estimated 6,000 fans who brought out their cameras to capture the beloved Filipino balladeer during the show that marked Tan Holdings' 40th anniversary in the Micronesia.

rate affairs manager Ed Arriola, Jr. and Tango Theaters marketing director Bojo Molina, opened with remarkable vocals from the Rhythm and Harmony Glee Club of Marianas High School.

Twenty members of the award-winning singing group led by conductor Paul Dujua set off the melodic mood as they performed a repertoire that included *Don't Stop Believing* by Journey, *You'll Be In My Heart* by Phil Collins, and *It Might Be You* by Stephen Bishop. The glee club also performed their own arrangements of a few Broadway hits.

Before long, Nievera along

with his back-up ensemble from Manila had taken the spotlight, opening what would be an uninterrupted concert act with popular Christmas hits like *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, *Pasko na, Santa ko*, and his very own *Christmas Won't be the Same Without You*.

There's something captivating, even romantic, in the way Nievera's voice captures the soul of a song, eliciting excited shrieks and "I love yous" when his holiday hits were subsequently followed by his signature songs like *Be My Lady*, *You Are My Song*, *Say That You Love Me*, among others.

Nievera also showed his loyal following that he can sing contemporary upbeat songs by younger singers as he did covers of Ne-Yo's *Tonight*, Maroon 5's *Moves Like Jagger*, LM-FAO's *Party Rock Anthem*, and a medley of top billboard songs of Bruno Mars, who narrated how the young half-Filipino singer asked for his autograph back in Hawaii. "Now it's me who wants Bruno's picture and autograph!"

Nievera went to sing several theme songs from past and present teleserye shows aired by The Filipino Channel, revealing that he is already scheduled

to sing another one by doing a cover of Rey Valera's *Maging Sino Ka Man*.

Joining Nievera on stage for part of the show was his twin sister Vicky, and the two did a duet of *After All*, the theme song of the teleserye called *A Beautiful Affair*; *Time of My Life* from the movie *Dirty Dancing*; and

*How Do You Keep the Music Playing* originally sung by Patti Austin and James Ingram.

The successful concert, which was facilitated by volunteers from the United Filipino Organization and the Shirley's FC, ended fittingly with Nievera crooning *This is the Moment* and *What A Wonderful World*.

## CRIME OF THE WEEK

### Burglary at Dandan residence

NMI Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident on a residence located in Dandan village.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at about 3:40pm, the victim, a local female discovered the crime when she returned home from work. The victim and her husband (a local male) left work earlier that morning. The husband was the last one to leave the house at about 8:35am that morning.

The items stolen include Three Kawasaki Models TD43 Bush Cutters, one Sony Vaio laptop computer, one Acer laptop computer, one Toshiba 32" flat screen TV, and one Auvio 42" flat screen TV. The total value of the stolen items are estimated at over \$3,000.

The two laptops were government property and with tags, The point of entry was

through a bedroom window which had the glass broken allowing the suspect or suspects entry into the home. There were bloodstains on the window frame and lock. It is possible that the suspect or suspects got injured with a cut while opening the window. The suspect or suspects exited the residence through a back sliding door which was left open.

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers need your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net) Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call.

Anyone having information about these crimes, or any other crimes, please call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. (NMI Crime Stoppers)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 3rd birthday to our "sunshine" Jun Jun. Everyday with you is a blessing and we cherish every moment. May you have many more wonderful and fun days to come and may God bless you today and always. We love you to the moon and back. Love you always from your entire family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Happy fourth birthday Draven Tudela on Dec. 2. May the Lord fill your life with many, many blessings! Love, Dad, Mom, Jr, Franko Ray, and family!



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Happy 21st birthday Allen Marie Montano on Dec. 11, 2012 may you have many more birthdays to come and good luck! We love you. Greeting from Ninang Jane Montano and family.

## Military to conduct training at FDM, WA-517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from Dec. 3 to 7 from 9am to 9pm.

The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Dec. 4 from 9am to 5pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Dec. 5-7 from 9am to 4pm.

The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique

role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the CNMI.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000

nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at 349-4055/3209. (PR)



Superior Court says goodbye to Graf



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Pictured second from the left is Linda Graf with Patrick V. Diaz, former Family Court manager, now Clerk of the Superior Court on her right. Associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo is centered, associate judge David A. Wiseman and Sonia A. Camacho, special assistant to the presiding judge are to his right.

The CNMI Superior Court recently bid farewell to Linda O. Graf who had been the instructor for the Separating Parents Program conducted by the Family Court Division. The Family Court Division was honored by the National Criminal Justice As-

sociation (NCJA) as the recipient of the 2010 National Justice Association Outstanding Justice Program Award for “best practice” evidence-based program.

Graf was instrumental in developing the curriculum for the Separating Parents Program

in 2006 and conducted all the sessions with the Family Court Judge Kenneth L. Govendo thereafter until her last on Nov. 7, 2012. Graf is a certified National Certified Counselor (NCC) and Certified Professional Mediator (CPM), as well

as the sole proprietor and owner of the Graf Counseling & Mediation. About her time on Saipan and her work with the court, Graf stated, “It’s been a blessing for me to have spent the last 13 years on island, and the past five years working with the Family Court have been the most rewarding and enjoyable.”

Family Court Judge Kenneth L. Govendo stated “our Separating Parents Program was one of

the reasons we won a national award for client services in 2010 and Linda deserves a great deal of credit for that. We believe that a lot of children have been helped because this program and we plan to continue it.”

The Separating Parents Program is an educational program for divorcing and separating parents. It informs parents about the emotional, economic, and educational problems their chil-

dren may experience as a result of divorce and separation, and how prolonged parental conflict can increase their children’s anxiety. It encourages parents to assume responsibility for creating a post divorce/separation environment in which their children are the first priority. The session is held once a month in the evening at the Superior Court in Susupe. Interested parties may call 236-9783. **(PR)**

NMI Judiciary law clerks reach out to NMI Bar

Four law clerks from the NMI Judiciary made a presentation regarding brief-writing tips to the NMI Bar Association last Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012. The NMI Bar Association hosted the law clerks at its monthly luncheon meeting and provided Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit to the attorneys who attended.


The presentation focused on tips and techniques for

effective brief writing, with particular emphasis on practicing before the NMI courts. Broad topics covered during the presentation included content, organization, and style of briefs. The substance of the presentation was derived from input received by the judges and justices of the NMI Judiciary as well as judiciary law clerks.

Four law clerks, representing

both the Superior and Supreme Courts, took part in the presentation: Jeff El-Hajj, law clerk for the Supreme Court; Sean Lowe, law clerk to Associate Justice John A. Manglona; Eden Schwartz, law clerk to Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho; and Sean Smith, law clerk to presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.


For more information, call 236-9716. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 12-037



Opening Date: Friday, 11/09/12  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Petroleum and Compliance Manager

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:**

Reporting directly to CUC’s Executive Director or designee, the Petroleum and Compliance Manager fills a position required by the Stipulated Order (“SO”) of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051. Position is known in the SO as the Technical Manager for Oil (TMO).

- The SO states: “The TMO shall be primarily responsible for overseeing, all oil spill prevention, preparedness and response operations and compliance activities and deliverables, on a daily basis, as required by Stipulated Order. The TMO shall be the person responsible for maintaining regular contact with EPA staff regarding Section 311 CWA compliance issues...The TMO will have authority to make decisions for management and operations of oil related items required by Stipulated Order.”
- Additional examples of duties may include but is not limited to:
  - Plan and implement, using resources provided by CUC or other agencies, all oil, fuels (whether waste or clean), projects and programs in accordance with accepted industry standards and practices.
  - Communicate regularly with USEPA, DEQ, USCG and other regulatory agencies to ensure that CUC is meeting relevant environmental regulations and laws pertaining to oil and fuels.
  - Troubleshoot problems of engineering or of a technical nature relating to oil that may arise in operations of CUC whether at the power plants, power transmission & distribution or water and wastewater divisions.
  - Prepare Capital Improvement Project (CIP) submissions as required in order for CUC to secure funding.
  - Prepare scope of work for oil projects whether outsourced (contracted) or performed in-house.
  - Oversee and inspect tanks, containments, berms, pipelines & appurtenances and all other facilities that pertain to oil and fuels.
  - Specify equipment and materials necessary for the proper management of oil and fuel including storage, containment, disposal, spill prevention, and clean-up.
  - Prepare specifications for oil-related projects that are bid out.
  - Coordinate spill response with other agencies such as the oil companies.
  - Arrange for analyses of oil and fuels including power distribution equipment with EPA-approved laboratories.
  - Supervise all oil clean-up, recovery, recycling or disposal activities at CUC.
  - Assist the Deputy Executive Director and/or Executive Director in responding to formal requests or orders from Federal or Commonwealth regulatory agencies.
  - Participate in CUC-wide strategic planning.
  - Maintain training and education certification related to oil work.
  - Ensure workers under supervision are trained and acutely aware of safety and environmental requirements.
  - Coordinate activities with the managers and supervisors at Power Generation.
  - Recruit necessary staff to ensure oil management functions are met.
  - Additional Responsibilities: Assist Water and Wastewater Divisions with technical support for water reservoirs and tanks; assist with other duties related to Stipulated Orders as requested by the Executive Director.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful candidates for CUC’s Petroleum & Compliance Manager must have the following:

- “Completion of four (4) years of college, or its equivalent, with major work in engineering, science or other field related to work in engineering, science or other field related to work with project management and/or environmental compliance, and one (1) to three (3) years of experience with oil spill, prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment, construction oversight or power plant operations”
- “Proven management and communication skills”
- “Demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff”
- “Experience with managing environmental and/or construction projects during period of planning, design, and construction”
- “Further, the TMO should have experience with one or more of the following: oil storage, use, transportation and disposal; assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites; environmental compliance; development of statements of work; oversight of contractors; staff training and development; and federal oil spill prevention, preparedness and response requirements.”
- A CNMI driver’s license or one from another U.S. jurisdiction is required.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Although not required, successful candidates preferably will have:

- Master’s degree in engineering and registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in civil, mechanical, or chemical engineering; Certification in API tank inspection;
- Management experience of at least ten (10) years in a multi-service utility, public works or petroleum tank farm operation.

**SALARY INFORMATION:**

Current salary and years of specialized experience will determine the appropriate salary level within the range of \$70,000.00 to \$130,000.00 per annum. This position is employed under a two-year contract and is both un-graded and un-classified.

**RELOCATION EXPENSES:**

If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed \$10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed \$5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Other conditions may be applicable.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS:**


To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter, a list of references, and a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

- United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail\*:  
Human Resource Office  
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation  
P. O. Box 501220  
Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA  
\*If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax “or” drop off your package.
- Fax:  
670-235-5131
- Drop Off:  
Drop off your package to the Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

**POLICIES:**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate any discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.


It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.



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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No.: 12-038



Opening Date: Friday, 11/09/12  
Closing Date: Until Filled

IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:**

Reporting directly to CUC’s Executive Director, In-House Counsel is entrusted with several matters. For example, CUC’s In-House Counsel:

- Provides formal and informal legal advice to management.
- Drafts and reviews a broad range of legal documents, including legal opinions, proposed agency decisions, memoranda, contracts and other procurement documents.
- Represents CUC at a variety of meetings, negotiations and hearings.
- Provides legal oversight of procurement contracts for goods, services and construction.
- Assists management with developing policy and regulations to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulatory policies, including both local and federal statutes.
- Investigates and implements necessary actions for compliance with laws and corporate policies.
- Works closely with outside counsel regarding ongoing litigation.
- Advises management of a variety of legal issues, including, but not limited to, billing disputes, human resource matters, property-related disputes, contract negotiations and interpretations, and personal-injury claims.
- Assists management with developing policy and regulations.
- Performs short- and long-range strategic planning.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Successful candidates for CUC’s In-House Counsel must:

- Hold a law degree from an accredited U.S. law school.
- Be a current member in good standing of the bar of any state within the United States, the CNMI or Guam.
- If not currently a member of the CNMI Bar, be eligible for prompt admission to the CNMI Bar. For admission requirements, visit [http://www.cnmilaw.org/court\\_rules.htm](http://www.cnmilaw.org/court_rules.htm).
- Have excellent interpersonal skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess excellent professional judgment.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Although not required, successful candidates preferably will have:

- Experience with utility law, federal and/or state energy regulatory law, and government procurement.
- Contract drafting and negotiation skills.
- Familiarity with working in a highly regulated industry.
- An understanding of the economics of electric power.
- A working knowledge of the legal and commercial issues involved in procurement, construction contracts, project finance, operations and maintenance agreements, and other utility project agreements.
- Experience working for or appearing before a federal regulatory agency.
- Strong business judgment and the ability to understand and respond to business issues and needs.
- Self-motivation, self-discipline and be results-oriented, with an ability to manage priorities and workflow.
- The ability to independently, and handle both small and large matters with equal effectiveness and enthusiasm.
- A background in finance, accounting, engineering or economics.
- The ability to manage multiple complex matters simultaneously.

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Current salary and years of specialized experience will determine the appropriate salary level within the range of \$65,000.00 to \$115,000.00 per annum. This position is employed under a two-year contract and is both un-graded and un-classified.

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# Business

## Shoppers' habits not changed by garment plant fire

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Before purchasing a shirt, shoppers will run their hands over the fabric, look at the price tag and wonder how it will hold up in the washing machine. Some might even ask if it makes them look fat.

The one detail, however, that is rarely considered: What are the conditions like for the workers making the shirt?

A horrific fire that raced through a Bangladesh garment factory Saturday, killing 112 people, has put the spotlight— at least temporarily— back on those workers and their sometimes treacherous work environment.

The factory, owned by Tazreen Fashions Ltd., made clothing for several retailers around the globe including Wal-Mart, Sears and The Walt Disney Co. All three companies have distanced themselves from responsibility for the incident, saying they didn't know that their subcontractors were using the factory.

Holiday shoppers have also maintained their distance from the tragedy.

"Truthfully, I hadn't even thought about it," said Megan Miller of Philadelphia as she walked out of the Disney Store in Times Square. "I had Christmas on my mind and getting my kids something from New York."

Shoppers from Cincinnati to Paris to Singapore all said the same thing: They were aware of the fatal factory fire, but they weren't thinking about it while browsing stores in the days since.

Brand name, fit and— above all— prices were on their minds.

"Either our pockets get lighter or we have to live with more blood on our hands," said Amy Hong, a college student who was at a store in Singapore. "I try not to think about it."

Experts who survey shoppers say the out of sight, out of mind attitude is nothing new.

"When you talk to them about their biggest concerns, where something is made, or the abuses in some country, almost never show up," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, which interviews 10,000 to 15,000 consumers a week, mostly on behalf of retailers.

## Merkel acknowledges Germans'frustration on Greece

**BERLIN (AP)**—Chancellor Angela Merkel said she understands the frustration felt by many Germans over the repeated bailout programs for debt-ridden Greece, but insisted they are in her country's self-interest because they help stabilize the eurozone as a whole.

Merkel's comments came a day after Germany's parliament voted in favor of granting Greece more lenient terms on its bailout program, clearing a necessary hurdle for disbursing a (EURO)44 billion (\$57 billion) rescue loan payment in December.

"I obviously feel many citizens' skepticism, and partly understand it, because Greece has often disappointed its partners in the past," Merkel told Sunday tabloid Bild am Sonntag in an interview released Saturday. "A lot of what the Greek leadership has promised wasn't lived up to."

The new Greek government, however, "finally" shows the necessary resolve "to change the country, to create modern structures," she said.

A German poll published Friday showed that 46 percent of 1,300 people polled favored letting Greece go bankrupt, only 43 percent thought Greece should receive further rescue loans. A total of 69 percent of those surveyed for public broadcaster ZDF thought that Greece itself hasn't done enough to overcome the crisis. The ZDF poll's margin of error was 3 percent.

Overly indebted Greece, which is about to enter its sixth consecutive year of a deep recession that has pushed unemployment up to 25 percent, is being kept afloat with rescue loans from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund in return for implementing harsh budget cuts and structural reforms.

## Obama pipeline decision may preview energy policy


**WASHINGTON (AP)**—It's a decision President Barack Obama put off during the 2012 campaign, but now that he's won a second term, his next move on a proposed oil pipeline between the U.S. and Canada may signal how he will deal with climate and energy issues in the four years ahead.

Obama is facing increasing pressure to determine the fate of the \$7 billion Keystone XL project, with environmental activists and oil producers each holding out hope that the president, freed from the political constraints of re-election, will side with them on this and countless other related issues down the road.


On its surface, it's a choice between the promise of jobs and economic growth and environmental concerns. But it's also become a proxy for a broader fight over American energy consumption and climate change, amplified by Superstorm Sandy and the conclusion of an election that was all about the economy.

"The broader climate movement is absolutely looking at this administration's Keystone XL decision as a really significant decision to signal that dirty fuels are not acceptable in the U.S.," said Danielle Droitsch, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Once content with delays that have kept the pipeline from moving forward at full speed, opponents of Keystone XL have launched protests in recent weeks at the White House and in Texas urging Obama to kill the project outright. On Capitol Hill, support for the pipeline appears to be gaining.



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**AUCTION NOTICES**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:


<b>LOT NO.:</b>	003 D 16	ADETFA ST., GARAPAN	<b>MINIMUM BID :</b>	\$ 93,000.00
<b>LOT NO.:</b>	010 K 05	MAGICIENNE BAY AVE., DAN DAN	<b>MINIMUM BID :</b>	\$ 42,219.36
<b>LOT NO.:</b>	003 D 22	ADETFA ST., GARAPAN	<b>MINIMUM BID :</b>	\$ 85,500.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2012, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be \$(please see above).
- Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
  - To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
  - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
  - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
- Lease with Option to Purchase. NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
  - The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
  - An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).
  - The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
  - Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
  - Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
  - A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
    - No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
    - Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
    - Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
    - Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
    - Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
    - Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of \$100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
  - In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2012.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director  
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation



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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council & Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY'13 First Quarter Joint General Membership meeting on Thursday, December 06, 2012 at Giovanni's, Hyatt at 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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**Welcome & Introduction**

**Brief Highlight of SRC & SILC Mission & the Nature of our Joint Meeting**

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**Review and adoption of last joint SRC/SILC meeting**

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■ CIL Director – Lydia Igitol

■ SRC Chairperson – Isidro Seman

■ OVR Director – Margarita Olopai-Taitano

■ OVR Success Stories

■ Identification of funding sources

■ Resource Plan

■ Community forums

■ Issues on Accessibility and accommodations of services

■ Partnership & Supported Employment

■ Independent Living in community based settings

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call 322-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) two days before the meeting. For more clarification, please contact Elvira Seman at 322-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

**Sid Seman**  
**SRC Chairperson**

**Steve Dutro**  
**SILC Chairperson**



# Nation

## 2 die in bus crash at Miami airport; 3 critical

**MIAMI** (AP)—A charter bus carrying 32 members of a church group hit a concrete overpass at Miami International Airport after the driver got lost Saturday, killing two men on board and leaving three others critically injured, officials said.

The large, white bus was too tall for the 8-foot-6-inch entrance to the arrivals area, said airport spokesman Greg

Chin. Buses are supposed to go through the departures area, which has a higher clearance, he said.

Police said that one man, Serafin Castillo, 86, of Miami, died at the scene. A second man, Francisco Urana, 56, also of Miami, died later at a hospital.

Chin said passengers told him they were part of a group of Jehovah's Witnesses headed to

West Palm Beach. Police said in a news release that the group had chartered the bus to take them to a church convention there.

The group was made up of congregation members of Sweetwater's Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, said Sweetwater Mayor Manny Maroño.

"This is a tragic accident that has affected many families, as well as, our Sweetwater fam-

ily," Maroño said in a press release. "I am pursuing all avenues to get in touch with the appropriate persons to officially extend our help to the congregation and those who were hurt."

A phone number listed for the center in Sweetwater went unanswered.

At the airport, two large signs warn drivers of large vehicles not to pass beneath the concrete overpass. One attached to the top of the concrete barrier reads: "High Vehicle STOP Turn Left." The other, placed to the left of the driveway and several feet in front of the barrier, says all vehicles higher than the 8-foot-6 threshold must turn left.



Law enforcement officers watch as a bus which hit a concrete overpass at Miami International Airport is hauled away, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 in Miami.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Family defends brothers charged in Fla. plot

**OAKLAND PARK, Fla.** (AP)—Two Florida brothers charged with plotting to support terrorists are caring family men who enjoyed living in the U.S. and would never hurt anyone, their family said Saturday. Authorities swarmed a quiet, lake-front condominium near Fort Lauderdale earlier this week and arrested Sheheryar Alam Qazi, 30, and 20-year-old Raees Alam Qazi, charging them with plotting to provide material support to terrorists and to use a weapon of mass destruction. Prosecutors said the two are naturalized U.S. citizens originally from Pakistan. They remained jailed Saturday without

bond. Two people who identified themselves as the men's mother and brother told The Associated Press outside their condominium that one of the jailed men is married. They repeatedly refused to disclose their full names to an AP reporter.

#### Upon further review, giant sequoia tops a neighbor

**FRESNO, Calif.** (AP)—Deep in the Sierra Nevada, the famous General Grant giant sequoia tree is suffering its loss of stature in silence. What once was the world's No. 2 biggest tree has been supplanted thanks to the most comprehensive measurements taken of the largest living things on Earth. The new No. 2

is The President, a 54,000-cubic-foot gargantuan not far from the Grant in Sequoia National Park. After 3,240 years, the giant sequoia still is growing wider at a consistent rate, which may be what most surprised the scientists examining how the sequoias and coastal redwoods will be affected by climate change and whether these trees have a role to play in combatting it. "I consider it to be the greatest tree in all of the mountains of the world," said Stephen Sillett, a redwood researcher whose team from Humboldt State University is seeking to mathematically assess the potential of California's iconic trees to absorb planet-warming carbon dioxide.

## Police: Hero instructor fought son in arrow attack

**CASPER, Wyo.** (AP)—A Wyoming community college instructor killed in a grisly classroom murder-suicide was hailed as a hero Saturday, with police saying he gave his students time to flee by distracting and fighting off his son after the younger man barged into his computer science class and shot him in the head with a high-powered bow and arrow.

The arrow severely wounded James Krumm, 56, but he managed to wrestle with son Chris-

topher Krumm, 25, of Vernon, Conn., on Friday while the handful of students in the Casper College classroom escaped.

Christopher Krumm had just stabbed to death his father's live-in girlfriend at the couple's home two miles away.

When police arrived at the classroom after the bow-and-arrow attack, they found Christopher Krumm bleeding from self-inflicted knife wounds and taking his last breaths.

James Krumm was dead,

Casper Police Chief Chris Walsh said.

"I can tell you the courage that was demonstrated by Mr. Krumm was absolutely without equal," he said, adding that the instructor's actions could offer some measure of comfort to those affected by the killings.

Authorities believe "around six" students were in the classroom when Christopher Krumm entered, Casper police spokesman Justin Smith said. No students were hurt.



### INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB13-GOV- 022



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Leak Detection and Repairs for Garapan Tourist Center in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior and the Economic Development Administration (EDA), US Department of Commerce. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA and EDA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Contractor shall identify, report, and repairs leaks in the water distribution system, to include but not limited to mainline leaks, residential meter leaks, fire hydrants, mainline valve leaks, and other appurtenant parts of the distribution system. Contractor shall also report and repair or replace inoperable fire hydrant and valves. Contractor shall identify the models, make and part number or identification of any existing meters, hydrants or valves, which were repaired.
- Installation of valves, air relief valves, blow-off valves, fire hydrants and fittings.
- Contractor will, for each identified leak, submit a repair schedule and cost estimate for the repair including restoration of the repair sites (cushioning, backfilling/compaction and asphaltting). Pavement restoration, predominantly along the road traffic, shall be expeditiously restored initially using lean concrete as basecourse. Compaction test must be submitted prior to paving.
- Contractor shall identify, report, and resolve areas of potential backflow within the water distribution system. Contractor, upon notification from WTF as forwarded from CUC, shall investigate complaints of low water pressure in the distribution system. This may indicate a substantial leak has occurred.
- Contractor will trace unrecorded service lines to their point of origin.
- Contractor shall identify, report, cut and cap abandoned lines and laterals serving vacant buildings or other facilities.
- Contractor shall provide a detailed daily report to WTF and CUC to include findings, cause of leak, steps taken to resolve the problem, materials used and type of testing performed.
- Contractor shall check all water customer service and shall report to WTF and CUC overflowing cisterns/tanks for CUC-Water Division enforcement.
- Contractor shall isolate the line subjected for repairs and shall take various pressure readings at different times before and after the repair. Contractor shall submit a pressure reading logs. Contractor shall ensure that all existing customers affected by line isolation are reconnected to the water system.
- Asphalt Road restoration.
- Repairs procedures shall be in compliance with the requirements of the CUC Water Division, DEQ, AWWA Standards, OSHA regulations and USDOT FHWA standards.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **November 5, 2012** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m., on November 16, 2012**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:00 PM on **November 15, 2012**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB13-GOV-022"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **December 4, 2012**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **December 4, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 4, 2012**, and must be received no later than **December 14, 2012**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **December 14, 2012**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **December 4, 2012**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Procurement and Supply



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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

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#### NMHC IFB 2012-011

#### Cleaning Services for NMHC's Central Office in Saipan

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Cleaning Services for NMHC's Central Office in Saipan**.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Monday, December 3, 2012, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Central Office on **Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour NMHC's Central Office that will be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference is considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. Inquiries regarding this solicitation must be addressed in writing to the NMHC's Corporate Director, Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, at P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2012.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC-IFB 2012-011**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m.**, local time **Friday, December 28, 2012**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m.**, local time, **Friday, December 28, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **Friday, December 28, 2012**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **Monday, January 7, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m.**, local time, **Tuesday, January 8, 2013**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m.**, local time on **Friday, December 28, 2012**.

All labor on this project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of \$5.55 per hour which took effect on October 1, 2012 as established by Federal law including subsequent increases of \$.50 per hour as announced by the U.S. Department of Labor and/or the CNMI Department of Labor, whichever is higher.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small, minority businesses and women's business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the successful bidder to the "maximum extent feasible" take affirmative steps to provide training, contracting and employment opportunities and help ensure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents in Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined to be in its best interest. All bids received shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**  
Corporate Director

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
Director, Procurement & Supply



# Asia

## PH denounces China's plans to board ships



In this Sept. 24, 2012 file photo, Japan Coast Guard vessels, right, and rear, sail along with Chinese surveillance ship Haijian No. 66, left, near disputed islands, called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, in the East China Sea.

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippines on Saturday denounced Chinese plans to search ships sailing through what Beijing says is its territory in the South China Sea in the latest irritant between the countries.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that the plans should be condemned by the international community because they violate maritime domains of countries in the region and impede freedom of navigation.

Chinese state media announced the plans, saying

southern Hainan province, which Beijing says administers the South China Sea, had approved laws giving its police the right to search vessels that pass through the waters.

Last week the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan and India protested a map on a new Chinese passport that depicts disputed areas as belonging to China.

The Philippine statement said it wants Beijing to “immediately clarify its reported plans to interdict ships that enter what it considers its territory in the South China Sea.”

It said Manila was concerned that ships entering waters claimed by China, which is “virtually the entire South China Sea ... can be boarded, inspected, detained, confiscated, immobilized and expelled, among other punitive actions.”

China's action will be “illegal and will validate the continuous and repeated pronouncements by the Philippines that China's claim of indisputable sovereignty over virtually the entire South China Sea is not only an excessive claim but a threat to all countries,” the statement said.

## North Korea gears up to launch long-range rocket

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—North Korea is gearing up to fire a long-range rocket this month in a defiant move expected to raise the stakes of a global standoff over its missile and nuclear programs.

The North's announcement Saturday that it would launch the rocket between Dec. 10 and Dec. 22 came as President Barack Obama prepares for his second term and as South Korea holds presidential elections Dec. 19.

It would be North Korea's second launch attempt under leader Kim Jong Un, who took power following his father

Kim Jong Il's death nearly a year ago. Some analysts have expressed skepticism that North Korea has corrected whatever caused the embarrassing misfire of its last rocket eight months ago. That launch earned the country widespread international condemnation.

A spokesman for North Korea's Korean Committee for Space Technology, however, said scientists have “analyzed the mistakes” made in the failed April launch and improved the precision of its Unha rocket and Kwangmyongsong satellite, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement said the launch was a request of late leader Kim Jong Il. He died on Dec. 17, 2011, and North Koreans are expected to mark that date this year with some fanfare. The space agency said the rocket would be mounted with a polar-orbiting Earth observation satellite, and maintained its right to develop a peaceful space program.

Washington considers North Korea's rocket launches to be veiled covers for tests of technology for long-range missiles designed to strike the United States, and such tests are banned by the United Nations.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Bangladesh offers compensation to fire victims

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** (AP)—Bangladesh's government said Saturday it will give 200,000 takas (\$2,500) to the families of those who died in a garment factory fire last week and 50,000 takas (\$625) to those who were injured. The government's offer of compensation, announced to The Associated Press by Mahbubul Hoque Shakil, an aide to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was separate from the garment industry's promise to pay the families of the victims a monthly salary for at least 10 years. The fire a week ago killed 112 people and put renewed focus on the lack of

proper safety precautions at some of the nation's 4,000 garment factories. The \$20 billion industry accounts for 80 percent of Bangladesh's exports. More than 1,000 workers at the Tazreen factory in a Dhaka suburb protested outside the burned-out facility on Saturday demanding compensation for their lost wages. The government announced they would be paid for November, but some angry workers demanded they be given four months' salary.

#### Myanmar's Suu Kyi to head probe into copper mine

**MANDALAY, Myanmar** (AP)—Myanmar's government has appointed a commission

led by opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to investigate the recent violent dispersal of peaceful protesters at a copper mine and advise whether the project should continue. State television announced Saturday that the 30-member commission was created by a presidential order. Security forces on Thursday ousted protesters at the Letpadaung mine near Monywa in northwestern Myanmar. Dozens of villagers and Buddhist monks were hurt, mostly with burns they said were caused by incendiary devices. The crackdown was the biggest use of force against demonstrators since the reformist government of President Thein Sein took office last year.

# World

## Egypt's president sets date for constitution vote

**CAIRO** (AP)—Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi called Saturday for a referendum in two weeks on a contentious draft constitution, setting a date for another milestone in the country's transition to democracy. Widespread disputes over the charter and Morsi's recent seizure of near absolute power have marred the process and thrown the country into turmoil.

As has been the case in nearly two years since Hosni Mubarak was ousted, what should have been a cause for national celebration turned into dueling protests between opponents and supporters of how the transition has been managed—largely divided along Islamist and secular lines.

More than 100,000 Morsi supporters organized by the Muslim Brotherhood and ultraconservative Salafi groups took to the streets of Cairo and other cities a day after a massive opposition demonstration against his recent

decrees giving him immunity from judicial oversight and the charter that was rushed through an assembly packed with allies.

The presidency has been locked in a tug of war with the powerful judiciary and secular and Christian activists since Morsi granted himself far-reaching powers on Nov. 22 in a bid to pre-empt an expected decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court on Sunday to dissolve the constitutional panel, as it had done the Islamist-led parliament earlier this year.

Morsi also decreed that courts cannot dissolve the Islamist-dominated upper house of parliament, known as the Shura Council—another decision slated to be before the Constitution Court on Sunday. In protest, most of the nation's judges have gone on strike.

It was not clear if Egypt's highest court would go ahead with Sunday's session. Any

move to do so would be a direct challenge to Morsi and could further undermine the charter's legitimacy. Judges also have threatened to boycott observing the referendum, and the secular opposition promised a civil disobedience campaign.

“After receiving this draft constitution, and out of keenness to build the nation's institutions without delay or stalling, I will issue today the call for a public referendum on this draft charter on Saturday, Dec. 15,” Morsi said. “I pray to God and hope that it will be a new day of democracy in Egypt.”

The dispute has thrown Egypt into a fresh round of turmoil after months of protests, rising crime and economic woes. It also has mobilized an increasingly cohesive opposition leadership of prominent liberal and secular politicians—a contrast to the leaderless youth uprising last year that toppled Mubarak.

## Mexico swears in president amid violent protests

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Enrique Pena Nieto took the oath of office as Mexico's new president Saturday vowing to restore peace and security and take on the vested interests that have hindered economic prosperity.

As several hundred protesters threw fire bombs at police and smashed plate glass windows, Pena Nieto marked the return of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, with a 13-point plan heavy on old-party populist handouts but with reforms designed to boost the economy and modernize the education and justice systems.

“Mexico has not achieved the advances that the population demands or deserves,” Pena Nieto said in an inaugural speech unusual for its heavy emphasis on policy. “It's time for us together to break the myths and paradigms and all else that has limited our development.”

Inaugural events were marred all day by protesters opposed to the return of the PRI after a 12-year hiatus.

Inside and outside the congressional chambers where he took the oath of office, his opponents called his inauguration an “imposition” of a party that ruled for 71 years using a mix of handouts, graft and rigged elections.

At least 76 people were treated for injuries, including 29 who hospitalized, as the result of clashes between protesters and tear-gas firing police, the Red Cross said. City officials said 103 people were detained, including 11 minors.

Vandals smashed windows of stores, banks and a hotel and made bonfires of furniture dragged into the streets. One downtown bank office where all the windows were broken had the words “Welcome Pena” painted across the facade in green.

Pena Nieto countered with

a speech full of specifics, from creating an integrated crime prevention program to ending the patronage and buying of teacher positions that rule the public education system.

He said he will put security at the center of all policies for Mexicans and their families and will work to ensure that roads and cities are again “peaceful areas where Mexicans can travel safely without fear of loss of their liberty or life.”

Mexico has suffered a spike in violence since outgoing President Felipe Calderon launched an offensive against organized crime upon taking office six years ago. Some 60,000 people have been killed by drug violence since then, according to some estimates. While officials first said most of the victims were involved in organized crime, the killings and kidnapping spread to innocent civilians as drug gangs came to rule entire towns and even parts of some states.

## Vampire on the loose in Serbia?

**ZAROSJE, Serbia** (AP)—Get your garlic, crosses and stakes ready: a bloodsucking vampire is on the loose.

Or so say villagers in the tiny western Serbian hamlet of Zarozje, nestled between lush green mountain slopes and spooky thick forests. They say rumors that a legendary vampire ghost has awakened are spreading fear—and a potential tourist opportunity—through the remote village.

A local council warned villagers to put garlic in their pockets and place wooden crosses in their rooms to ward off vampires, although it ap-

peared designed more to attract visitors to the impoverished region bordering Bosnia.

Many of the villagers are aware that Sava Savanovic, Serbia's most famous vampire, is a fairy tale. Still, they say, better to take it seriously than risk succumbing to the vampire's fangs.

“The story of Sava Savanovic is a legend, but strange things did occur in these parts back in the old days,” said 55-year-old housewife Milka Prokic, holding a string of garlic in one hand and a large wooden stake in another, as an appropriately moody mist rose above the surrounding

hills. “We have inherited this legend from our ancestors, and we keep it alive for the younger generations.”

Vampire legends have played a prominent part in the Balkans for centuries—most prominently Dracula from Romania's Transylvania region. In the 18th century, the legends sometimes triggered mass hysteria and even public executions of those accused of being vampires.

Sava Savanovic, described by the Zarozje villagers as Serbia's first vampire, reputedly drank the blood of those who came to the small shack in the dense oak tree forest to mill their grain on the clear mountain Rogatica river.



Health & Fitness

Asperger's dropped from revised diagnosis manual

CHICAGO (AP)—The now familiar term “Asperger’s disorder” is being dropped. And abnormally bad and frequent temper tantrums will be given a scientific-sounding diagnosis called DMDD. But “dyslexia” and other learning disorders remain.

The revisions come in the first major rewrite in nearly 20 years of the diagnostic guide used by the nation’s psychiatrists. Changes were approved Saturday.

Full details of all the revisions will come next May when the American Psychiatric Association’s new diagnostic manual is published, but the impact will be huge, affecting millions of children and adults worldwide. The manual also is important for the insurance industry in deciding what treatment to pay for, and it helps schools decide how to allot special education.

This diagnostic guide “defines what constellations of symptoms” doctors recognize as mental disorders, said Dr. Mark Olfson, a Columbia University psychiatry professor. More important, he said, it “shapes who will receive what treatment. Even seemingly subtle changes to the criteria can have substantial effects on patterns of care.”

Olfson was not involved in the revision process. The changes were approved Saturday in suburban Washington, D.C., by the psychiatric association’s board of trustees.

The aim is not to expand the number of people diagnosed with mental illness, but to ensure that affected children and adults are more accurately diagnosed so they can get the most appropriate treatment, said Dr. David Kupfer. He chaired the task force in charge of revising the manual and is a psychiatry professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

One of the most hotly argued changes was how to define the various ranges of autism. Some advocates opposed the idea of dropping the specific diagnosis for Asperger’s disorder. People with that disorder often have high intelligence and vast knowledge on narrow subjects but lack social skills. Some who have the condition embrace their quirkiness and vow to continue to use the label.

And some Asperger’s families opposed any change, fearing their kids would lose a diagnosis and no longer be eligible for special services.

But the revision will not affect their education services, experts say.

The new manual adds the term “autism spectrum disorder,” which already is used by many experts in the field. Asperger’s disorder will be dropped and incorporated under that umbrella diagnosis. The new category will include kids with severe autism, who often don’t talk or interact, as well as those with milder forms.

Kelli Gibson of Battle Creek, Mich., who has four sons with various forms of autism, said Saturday she welcomes the change. Her boys all had different labels in the old diagnostic manual, including a 14-year-old with Asperger’s.

“To give it separate names never made sense to me,” Gibson said. “To me, my children all had autism.”

Three of her boys receive special education services in public school; the fourth is enrolled in a school for disabled children. The new autism diagnosis won’t affect those services, Gibson said. She also has a 3-year-old daughter without autism.

People with dyslexia also were closely watching for the new updated doctors’ guide. Many with the reading disorder did not want their diagnosis to be dropped. And it won’t be. Instead, the new manual will have a broader learning disorder category to cover several conditions including dyslexia, which causes difficulty understanding letters and recognizing written words.

The trustees on Saturday made the final decision on what proposals made the cut; recommendations came from experts in several work groups assigned to evaluate different mental illnesses.

The revised guidebook “represents a significant step forward for the field. It will improve our ability to accurately diagnose psychiatric disorders,” Dr. David Fassler, the group’s treasurer and a University of Vermont psychiatry professor, said after the vote.

The shorthand name for the new edition, the organization’s fifth revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, is DSM-5. Group leaders said specifics won’t be disclosed until the manual is published but they confirmed some changes. A 2000 edition of the manual made minor changes but the last major edition was published in 1994.

Olfson said the manual “seeks to capture the current state of knowledge of psychiatric disorders. Since 2000 ... there have been important advances in our understanding of the nature of psychiatric disorders.”

Catherine Lord, an autism expert at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York who was on the psychiatric group’s autism task force, said anyone who met criteria for Asperger’s in the old manual would be included in the new diagnosis.

Personal Trainer

Distance, not speed, matters

The amount of energy – and the number of calories – running consumes is a function of the distance you run, not your speed.

Think of running as weightlifting

Running is equivalent to lifting a heavy weight – your own body – and holding it up while your legs and abdominal muscles move that weight a certain distance along the ground

It takes more energy to lift a heavy body than a light one



Calorie calculator

Calories consumed =

195 lbs x  
4 miles x  
0.76

Distance run	X	Your weight	X	A fixed number
Distance in miles		Weight in pounds		0.76
Distance in kilometers		Weight in kilograms		1.04

NOTE: Technically speaking, the energy used by your body is measured in kilocalories, but they are typically called “calories”

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of

*Francisco Diaz Diaz*

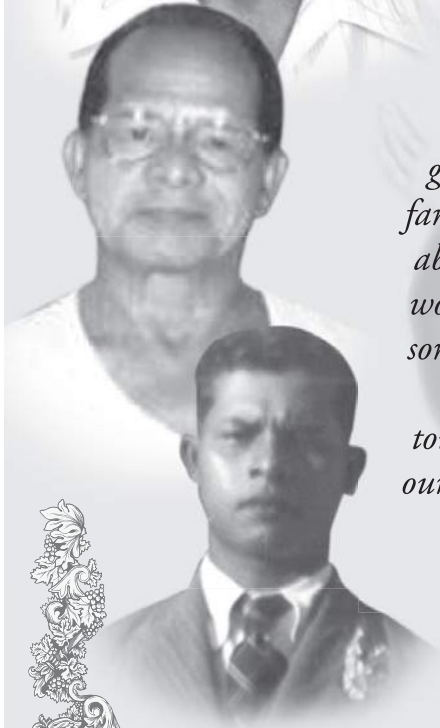
Better known as

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would like to extend our deep gratitude and appreciation to all our families, friends and neighbors here and abroad, for your kindness, support and words of consolation during our time of sorrow. Your most comforting expression of sympathy and prayers has deeply touched us. Thank you very much from our hearts and we will always remember you in our prayers.

Si Yu'us Ma'asi

*Ginin i Familia*





## Life & Style

# J.Lo tones down concert in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Jennifer Lopez wowed thousands of fans in Indonesia, but they didn't see as much of her as concertgoers in other countries—the American pop star toned down both her sexy outfits and her dance moves during her show in the world's most populous Muslim country, promoters said Saturday.

Lopez's "Dance Again World Tour" was performed in the country's capital, Jakarta, on Friday in line with promises Lopez made to make her show more appropriate for the audience, said Chairi Ibrahim from Dyandra Entertainment, the concert promoter.

"J.Lo was very cooperative ... she respected our culture," Ibrahim said, adding that Lopez's managers also asked



In this Nov. 24, 2012 file photo, Jennifer Lopez performs during her concert in Shanghai, China.

whether she could perform her usual sexy dance moves, but were told that "making love" moves were not appropriate for Indonesia.

"Yes, she dressed modestly ... she's still sexy, attractive and tantalizing, though," said Ira Wibowo, an Indonesian actress who was among more than 7,000 fans at the concert.

Another fan, Doddy Adityawarman, was a bit disappointed with the changes.

"She should appear just the way she is," he said, "Many local artists dress even much sexy, much worse."

Lopez changed several times during her 90-minute concert along with several dancers, who also dressed modestly without revealing their chests or cleavage.

Most Muslims in Indone-

sia, a secular country of 240 million people, are moderate. But a small extremist fringe has become more vocal in recent years.

They have pushed through controversial laws—including an anti-pornography bill—and have been known to attack anything perceived as blasphemous, from transvestites and bars to "deviant" religious sects.

Lady Gaga was forced to cancel her sold-out show in Indonesia in May following threats by Islamic hard-liners, who called her a "devil worshipper."

Lopez will also perform in Muslim-majority Malaysia on Sunday.

"Thank you Jakarta for an amazing night," the 43-year-old diva tweeted to her 13 million followers Saturday.

## Sony introduces ultra-high-definition video player

**AP**  
This undated publicity image provided by Sony shows an ultra-HD 4K TV set. High-definition TVs roughly quadrupled the resolution of the sets that came before them.



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—"The Amazing Spiderman," "Taxi Driver" and "The Karate Kid" are getting some real resolution.

The new, restored and re-booted films from Sony Pictures are among the content coming pre-loaded on a video player bundled with Sony's first ultra-high-definition television, a massive 84-inch set that retails for \$24,999.99 and features nearly four times the resolution of typical high-definition TVs.

"People ask the question, 'Do I need to get a bigger house to fit an 84-inch TV?'" said Chris Cookson, president of Sony Pictures Technologies. "The answer is that 25 inches was right for standard definition; 50 inches was right for high-def; and 84 inches is right now that we're going ultra-high-def."

Ultra HD is widely regarded as the next evolution in TV technology, but there's currently a lack of content that takes advantage of the vast resolution, though Ultra HD sets are

equipped to upscale lower resolution video. Sony Corp. is hoping to overcome that pitfall with this new player.

The Japanese electronics giant debuted the hard-disc server—hidden in a cabinet underneath the behemoth television—at a posh invite-only party Thursday at a private mansion in Santa Monica that featured a performance by John Legend.

The video player will include 4K content such as short films, concerts and 10 feature-length movies, including "The Other Guys," "Salt" and "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

Sony's TV will also come with an Xperia Tablet S, which can be used as a touchscreen remote control.

"We know there are limitations with broadband and the typical size of a movie that's in 4K," said Phil Molyneux, chief operating officer of Sony Electronics. "I think this is an extremely good first step to ensure that consumers can have and enjoy the 4K experience in

their home."

The electronics industry has dubbed the new flat-panel displays "Ultra HD," while Sony specifically refers to it as "4K" because it features nearly 4,000 pixels, compared to the 1,080 pixels found in "1080p" sets. Molyneux said Sony has been pushing for 4K since 2005, when the company put 4K projectors in movie theaters. Last year, Sony introduced a 4K home projector, and offered a 4K upscaling Blu-ray player earlier this year.

Molyneux teased that additional 4K content for the new player would be sent to owners on Blu-ray discs.

"It's a first step," added Molyneux. "If we've had a vision since 2005, and we've been arming and equipping for 4K content creation, I think it's fair to speculate that we're also thinking about other ways to get 4K content to consumers in their home."

LG Electronics offers a similar 84-inch Ultra HD TV. It retails for \$19,999.99.

## No charges against Chris Brown in Fla. phone grab

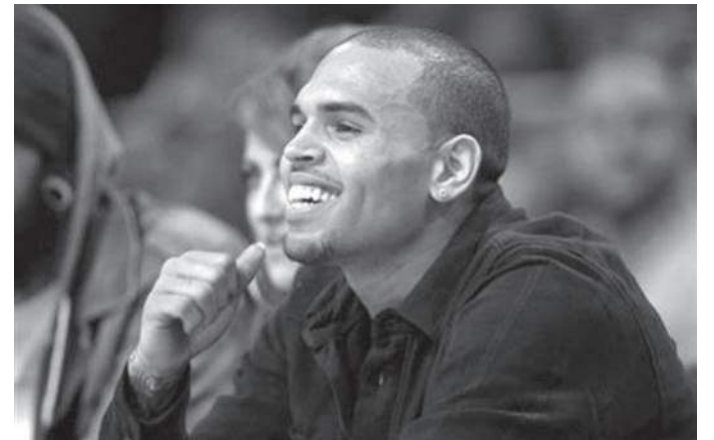
**MIAMI (AP)**—Grammy-winning singer Chris Brown will not face criminal charges for snatching a woman's cellphone when she tried to snap a photo of him outside a Miami Beach club, prosecutors said Friday.

A memo released Friday by Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle concludes there is no evidence that Brown intended to steal the phone in February or that he deleted any photos. One or the other is necessary for him to be charged with robbery or theft.

Prosecutors said that Brown tossed the phone from his limo and that it was picked up by Devon Blanche, head of security for rapper Tyga, who had performed with Brown at the Cameo club that night. According to the memo, Blanche tried to find out if someone had lost the phone, ultimately took it with him to Atlanta during the rapper's tour and said he intended to find its owner.

A felony charge against Brown, 24, might have triggered a violation of his probation for his 2009 assault on singer Rihanna, who was his girlfriend at the time. The two have recently collaborated on a new duet, "Nobody's Business," and have been spotted out together in recent weeks.

Rundle said the investiga-



In this Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 file photo, Grammy-winning singer Chris Brown sits on the sidelines during the second half of the NBA All-Star basketball game in Orlando, Fla.

tion's findings would be forwarded to probation officials in Los Angeles for review.

"We are grateful for the decision and the thorough investigation," Brown's attorney Mark Geragos said in an email.

According to the memo, after Brown and Tyga—real name Michael Stevenson—finished their performances, both got into separate limos to head for their hotels. Witnesses told prosecutors about 30 female fans gathered outside Brown's vehicle, at least one of whom reached inside to take a photo. Brown was accompanied by at least two women in the limo.

Stevenson told prosecutors that he saw Brown throw a

white cellphone out of the limo. The phone's owner, Christal Spann, said Brown used a derogatory term for women and said "this will not run the website" when he grabbed the phone. Spann began beating on the limo's windows, according to the memo, until someone in a front seat told her the phone had been tossed out. She could not find it, however.

"She used to be a fan of Brown's, but no longer," the memo notes of Spann.

Blanche, the security man, told investigators he thought Brown was upset because "if photographs of himself with two females got out, it might cause him problems with Rihanna."

## Katzenberg, Spielberg attend Governors Awards

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Stars such as Steven Spielberg and George Lucas are arriving at the Hollywood and Highland Center in Los Angeles to pay homage to four industry heavyweights.

The film academy's fourth annual Governors Awards are being presented Saturday to

honorary Oscar winners Jeffrey Katzenberg, stuntman Hal Needham, documentarian D.A. Pennebaker and American Film Institute founding director George Stevens Jr.

The four men will accept their Oscar statuettes during the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' private dinner program

in the Ray Dolby Ballroom. Portions of the untelevised event may be included in the Feb. 24 Academy Awards telecast.

Other guests expected at Saturday's ceremony include Quentin Tarantino, Bradley Cooper, Kristen Stewart, Bryan Cranston and Oscar host Seth MacFarlane.



# Katy Perry, Carly Rae Jepsen get Billboard honors

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Billboard named Katy Perry its woman of the year, but the pop star thought her year was 2011.

"I felt like my year was last year ... I thought my moment had passed," Perry said in an interview with Jon Stewart at Billboard's Women in Music event Friday in New York City.

Perry released "Teenage Dream" in 2010, and the double platinum album sparked five No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart that spilled over to 2011. She tied the record Michael Jackson set with "Thriller" for most hits from a single album.

She re-released the album this year, which launched two more hits and a top-grossing 3-D film.

Perry thanked her fans, who stood outside of Capitale hoping to catch a glimpse of her.

"I don't really like to call myself a role model for my fans, but I hope I'm an inspiration, especially for young



"Woman of the Year" honoree, singer Katy Perry, attends Billboard's "Women in Music 2012" luncheon at Capitale on Friday Nov. 30, 2012 in New York.

women," she said when she accepted the honor.

Perry also thanked her mom at the event, which honored women who work in the music industry.

In like fashion, newcomer Carly Rae Jepsen also thanked her mom—and stepmom—when accepting the rising star honor. The "Call Me Maybe" singer said she's happy and surprised by her success.

"It was sort of the key to unlocking the rest of the world for me and was something that none of us were expecting," she said, in an interview, of her viral hit.

British singer Cher Lloyd performed Perry's "E.T." at the luncheon, which also featured a performance from rising country singer Hunter Hayes.

Perry, who wore a fitted pink dress, joked about recording a follow-up to "Teenage Dream."

"Have you heard it? I haven't," the smiling singer said on the red carpet.

## Protests flare in Bahrain for Kim Kardashian visit

**MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)**—Just hours after reality TV star Kim Kardashian gushed about her impressions of Bahrain, riot police fired tear gas to disperse more than 50 hardline Islamic protesters denouncing her presence in the Gulf kingdom.

The clashes took place just before Kardashian opened the Bahrain branch of her Millions of Milkshakes shop.

An Associated Press journalist saw protesters chanting "God is Great" near the shopping complex in Riffa, some 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of the capital Manama. The demonstrators were cleared before Kardashian appeared late Saturday.

Earlier, she posted glowing remarks about Bahrain on her Twitter account, calling it "the prettiest place on earth." It was re-Tweeted by Bahrain's foreign minister.



A young Bahraini smiles after having his picture taken with TV star Kim Kardashian, in Riffa, Bahrain, Dec. 1, 2012.

earlier this week to open another branch of the shop.

Kardashian was in Kuwait

earlier this week to open another branch of the shop.

## Ricky Martin finds new home on small screen



In this Monday, March 12, 2012 photo, Ricky Martin appears at the curtain call after his first performance in the new Broadway production of "Evita", in New York.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Ricky Martin is saying goodbye to Broadway's "Evita." But don't cry for him.

The Latin superstar has a slew of new projects in the works, including two television series and a children's book.

"It's about growing," said Martin in an interview Friday. "It's a moment in my life where I just need to absorb and be surrounded by amazing actors and musicians and grow as an entertainer. I think this is going to be an amazing year for that."

Martin takes his final bow in the Andrew Lloyd Webber revival on Jan. 26. Then he heads down under to join the second season of the Australian edition of "The Voice." But the Grammy winner says not to expect any biting, Simon Cowellesque critiques.

"I don't believe in tough love. I believe in love, and I believe in being nurturing to new talented

men and women," he said at an M.A.C. Viva Glam event for Saturday's World AIDS Day. Martin partnered with the cosmetics brand to raise awareness and funding for HIV/AIDS programs worldwide.

The "Livin' la Vida Loca" singer is developing a new series for NBC, expected in 2013. He's producing, writing and will star in the currently untitled dramedy, where he hopes to tackle social issues with humor.

He's also writing his second book and admitted he didn't have to look far for inspiration.

"I think it's time to write about things that I've been through with my kids that I'm sure many daddys out there will understand," said the father of 4-year-old twins Matteo and Valentino.

The family-friendly story about self-esteem is slated for release next summer.

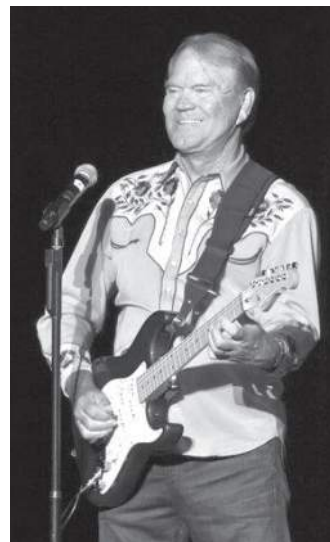
## Glen Campbell considering more live shows in 2013

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Glen Campbell may be wrapping up a goodbye tour but that doesn't mean he's done with the stage.

Campbell is considering scheduling more shows next year after playing more than 120 dates in 2012.

The 76-year-old singer has Alzheimer's disease and has begun to lose his memory. He put out his final studio album, "Ghost on the Canvas," in 2011 and embarked on the tour with family members and close friends serving in his band and staffing the tour.

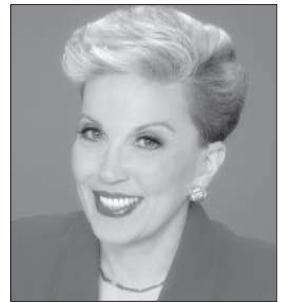
Campbell's longtime manager Stan Schneider said in a phone interview from Napa, Calif., where the tour wrapped for the year Friday night, that recent West Coast shows have been some of the singer's strongest. Campbell will break for the holidays and if he still feels strong he'll begin scheduling more shows.



In this Sept. 6, 2012 file photo, singer Glen Campbell performs during his Goodbye Tour in Little Rock, Ark.

## Man may get rude awakening why wife clings to night shift

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm married to the girl of my dreams. She's the best thing that's ever happened to me. We both work in the medical field. She's an emergency room nurse, and I'm a paramedic/firefighter.

For several years my wife worked the day shift at a hospital more than an hour away from home. I tried to convince her to find a job closer, so we could see each other more. Finally, she told me she had been offered a night shift position at the hospital here in town. She promised to switch to a day shift if one opened up. I thought that was great.

It has been almost a year now, and she is still working the night shift. There have been many daytime openings, but she hasn't requested any of them. On most of my days off, I watch her sleep.

At this point I'm not sure what to do. I am not happy and don't want to spend the rest of my life like this. I feel like I'm missing out on so much. I have the girl of my dreams, but most of the time she IS dreaming—literally. Can you please help?

AWAKE AND ALONE IN FLORIDA

**DEAR AWAKE AND ALONE:** You ARE missing out, on the fun and companionship that you should be enjoying with your wife. It's time to have a frank conversation with her and find out why she has been stalling about changing shifts. There could be more wrong in your marriage than incompatible schedules, but the problems won't be resolved unless you can be honest with each other. The current situation is unfair to you, and you are right to be concerned.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have hosted a holiday party for our neighbors every year for the last 10 years. Over time, we have invited more and more people, and we enjoy almost everyone. However, one of our neighbors, "Jim," is very rude. For the past several years he has taken it upon himself to invite several people to our party who he feels should be on the list. These are people we purposely did not invite.

Last year we decided not to invite Jim, but after he sent multiple emails demanding to know the date and time, we reluctantly invited him. He then had the nerve to send out an email to dozens of people he thought we had missed on the guest list, notifying them of the party. This really embarrassed my husband and me.

How can I tell him it's not his party, and how do we deal with the situation with the folks we did not initially invite but now know about the party?

IT'S OUR PARTY

**DEAR PARTY:** There is more than one way to handle this. The most obvious would be to inform Jim that he won't be invited this year and tell him why. He is every host's nightmare, and his behavior is beyond nervy. A host must know how many guests to prepare for in order to ensure there will be enough food and beverages for everyone.

Another way would be to forgo giving the party for a year or two and perhaps take a short vacation. Tell anyone who asks why that the gatherings became too large to manage. And then, when you resume entertaining, limit the guest list to something more intimate than a casting call for "American Idol."

One thing is certain: If you continue to tolerate what's been happening, your hospitality will continue to be abused.

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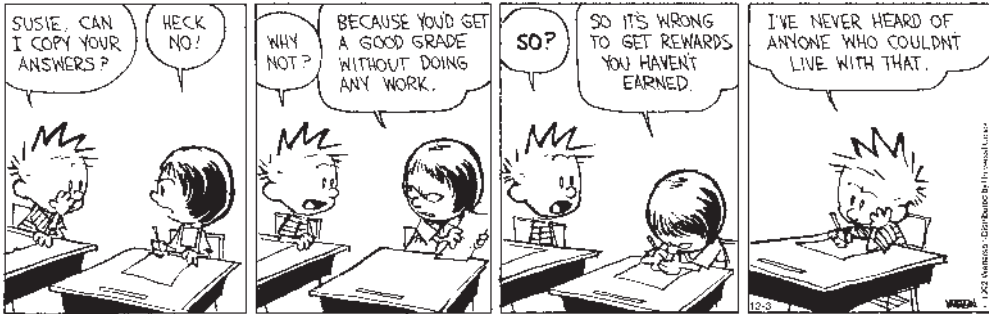
# Pastimes

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By Bill Waterson

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By Jim Davis

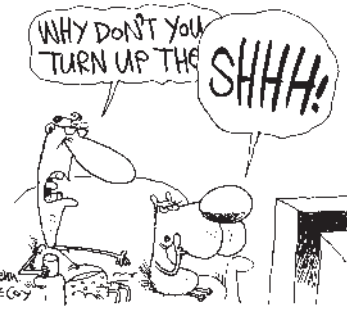
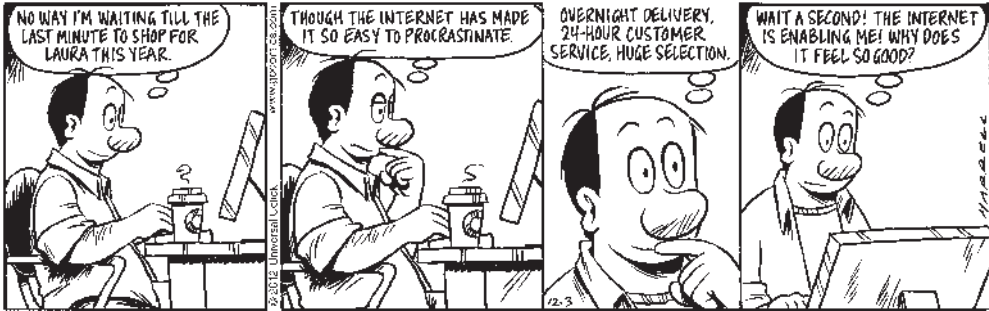


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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11 Chick's sound  
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14 Frost  
15 Western state  
16 One of the Seven Dwarfs  
17 Race place, for short  
18 Line on a letter  
20 Authentic  
22 Varnish ingredient  
24 Pass by  
28 Very ornate  
32 Figure of speech  
33 Elderly  
34 Tolkien creature  
36 Jacob's brother  
37 Burdened  
39 Bucks  
41 Pressed

**DOWN**

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44 Conked out  
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**Solution time: 27 mins.**

**Friday's answer 11-30**

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## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Amanda Seyfried, 27; Holly Marie Combs, 39; Brendan Fraser, 44; Julianne Moore, 52.

**Happy Birthday:** Choose wisely when you help others. Making suggestions rather than taking over will ensure you don't end up with responsibilities that will hinder reaching your goals. A partnership will undergo posturing that will position you for future joint ventures. Love will take a serious turn. Acceptance is key to making the most of the changes heading your way. Your numbers are 6, 14, 21, 24, 30, 39, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Reassess your physical and financial situation and make positive adjustments to counter any problems that might arise. Keep your emotions in check and listen carefully to what's being said. Information will be the key to your success. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Check out the possibilities and the contributions you can make. Make positive changes that will increase your earning potential and help make your personal life less stressful. Use your intelligence to get what you want. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A great idea can lead to professional options that were not available in the past. Put your plans into motion and invest in what you know and do best. Your talent will be recognized as more opportunities unfold. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your charm and expertise will help you gain support. Networking will encourage greater opportunity to form a partnership that can

alter your life. Business and personal relationships must be nurtured. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** What you say will influence the outcome. Make sure you are thinking far enough ahead before you take a position that will affect your home and family. Consider the additional responsibilities you will incur if you make an error now. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Listen as well as engage in talks and you will make a difference to your community, a friendship or your direction. Take action when you feel someone is treading on your territory or making a move that can influence your financial position. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Use your imagination to avoid a professional mishap. A change in the way you earn money may be stressful at first, but once you take charge of your life and your future prospects, you will find peace of mind. Trust in your ideas. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may feel uncertain or confused regarding your future, but if you rely on your imagination, ingenuity and unique style, you will discover a path that leads to greater comfort and joy. Open up about your desires and help will be offered. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make domestic and personal alterations that will allow you to cut corners that have been causing you grief and holding you back. You are best to resurrect old means and methods and alleviate high-priced ticket items. Dig to get the facts. ★★★★★

## EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):



Check your emotions at the door when doing business. You can gain ground if you are efficient, a little ruthless and stingy. Common sense coupled with an interesting way to get more for less will make you look like a genius. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):



Keep your ideas and plans a secret. You will face opposition if you put up a fuss or you are too free-spirited about life and the way you want to live. Listen and observe what others intend to do before making your move. ★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):



All eyes will be on you, and controversy can be expected. Ensure that you have well-laid-out plans and you will be difficult to defeat. Money will come to you from an unusual source, enabling a wish to come true. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are unique, dedicated and just. You are insightful and precise.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

3	7	1	5	4	2	8	9	6
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CANADIAN CAVIAR

Solution: 5 letters

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Last Saturday's Answer: Castle

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) NO. 12-0521  
versus )  
)  
) **SUMMONS**  
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Respondent. )

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# Spurs shake off fine to edge Grizzlies



**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—Tony Parker scored 30 points, Tim Duncan had 27 points and 15 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs shook off a “disappointing” \$250,000 fine by the NBA to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 99-95 in overtime Saturday night.

Coach Gregg Popovich said before the win he doesn’t know if the Spurs will appeal the NBA’s stiff penalty for sending Duncan, Parker and two others home to rest Thursday instead of them suiting up against the Miami Heat in a nationally televised game.

Popovich said he was disappointed by Commissioner David Stern’s decision. He also didn’t rule out sitting out players again in the future.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 20 points. Zach Randolph had 17 points and 15 rebounds and was one of three Memphis players with double-doubles.

Mike Conley had 18 points and 12 assists, and Rudy Gay had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The unprecedented fine announced Friday overshadowed the first meeting this season between two of the West’s winningest teams.

## Heat 102, Nets 89

In Miami, Dwyane Wade scored a season-high 34 points, LeBron James added 21 points and Miami rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat Brooklyn.

Ray Allen scored 13 and Norris Cole finished with 12 for the Heat, who won their sixth straight and remained atop the Eastern Conference. Miami held the Nets to 30 points in the second half.

Andray Blatche scored 20 points for Brooklyn, which had won five in a row. Gerald Wallace had 13 points, Joe Johnson added 12 and Deron Williams finished with 10 points and 12 assists.

The Nets were 10 for 31 from the field in the second half and lost to Miami for the 12th straight time.

## Trail Blazers 118, Cavaliers 117, 2OT

In Cleveland, Nicolas Batum’s 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds left in the second overtime gave Portland a victory over Cleveland.

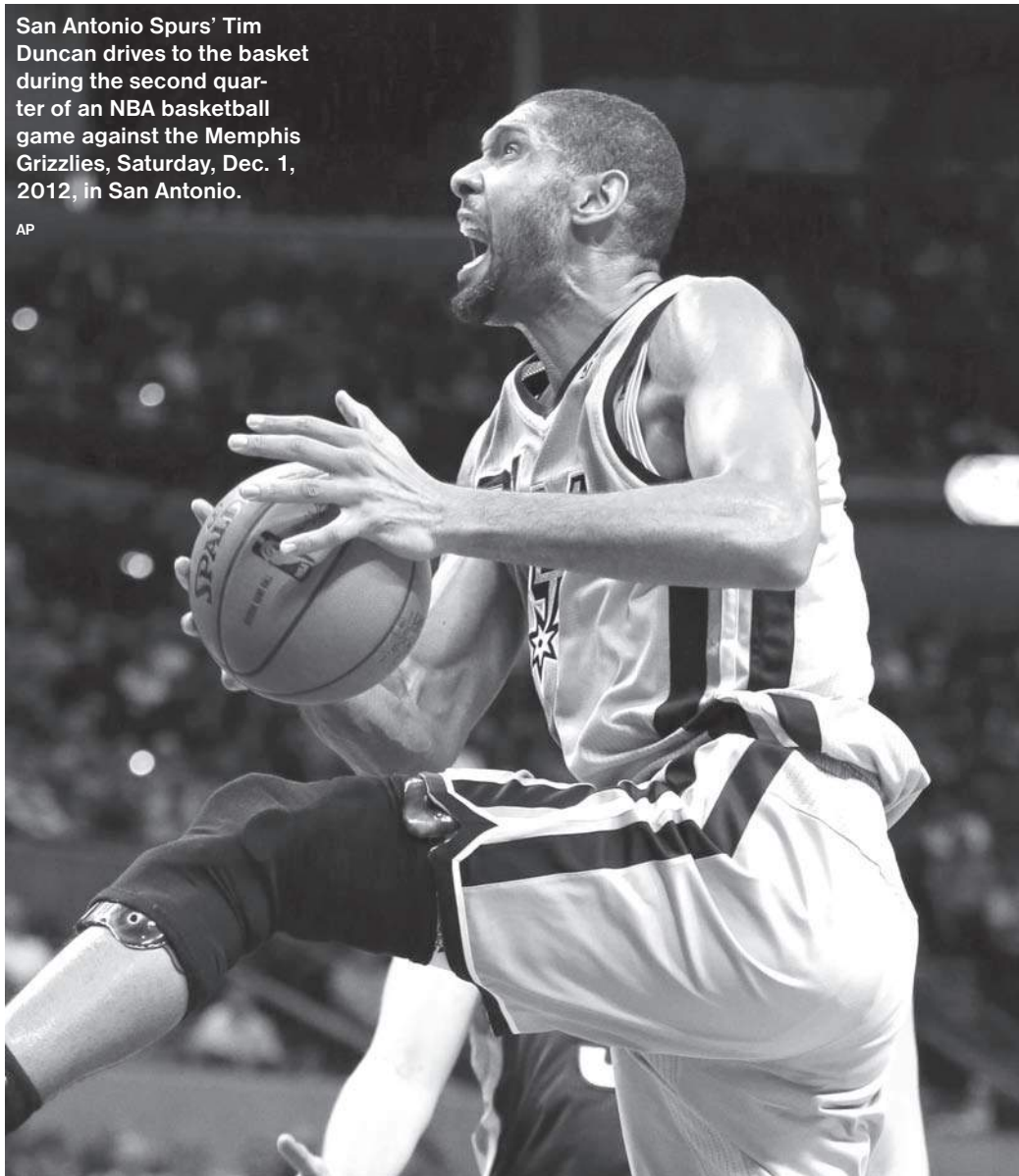
Trailing 117-115 with 2.5 seconds remaining, Portland called timeout and inbounded near midcourt. Damian Lillard passed to Batum, who hit a fadeaway jumper from the right corner in front of Cleveland’s bench. With time only for a tip-in attempt, the Cavaliers couldn’t get a shot off before time expired.

Lillard led Portland with 24 points while Batum added 22. Alonzo Gee paced the Cavaliers with 22 points, but missed a free throw that would have given them a three-point lead before Batum’s shot.

Anderson Varejao had 19 points and 17 rebounds.

San Antonio Spurs’ Tim Duncan drives to the basket during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in San Antonio.

AP



## Rockets 124, Jazz 116

In Houston, Patrick Patterson scored 20 points, Chandler Parsons and Jeremy Lin had 19 apiece and Houston beat Utah.

James Harden finished with 18 points for the Rockets, who shot 55 percent (46 of 83) and hit half of their 3-point shots at 11 of 22. Greg Smith and Carlos Delfino each scored 13.

Gordon Hayward had 13 of his 21 points in the second half and Al Jefferson and Randy Foye each scored 20 for Utah. The Jazz lost despite shooting 51 percent (48 of 94) overall and going 11 for 20 from 3-point range.

Omer Asik had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Houston. He briefly left the game after taking an elbow from Hayward, but returned for the final minutes.

The Rockets have won five straight home games. Utah has dropped three of its last four road games.

## Thunder 100, Hornets 79

In New Orleans, Kevin Durant scored 20 points, Russell Westbrook added 18 points and 10 assists, and Oklahoma City won its fifth straight game.

The two Thunder stars did all their work in first three quar-

ters, resting for the final period after helping their club build a 27-point lead.

Kevin Martin added 19 points and Nick Collison 12 in reserve roles for Oklahoma City, which has won nine of 10, including its last four by double digits.

Ryan Anderson had 21 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, but was only 3 of 11 on 3-point attempts, normally his strength. Robin Lopez added 12 points and Roger Mason Jr. 11 for the Hornets, who have lost nine of 10.

## Bucks 91, Celtics 88

In Milwaukee, Larry Sanders

had 18 points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots, and Milwaukee rallied for a victory after Boston scored the first 17 points of the game.

Monta Ellis had 17 points and seven assists for the Bucks, while Ersan Ilyasova added 15 points and five rebounds. Brandon Jennings had a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Paul Pierce paced the Celtics with 19 points, and Kevin Garnett added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Boston played without point guard Rajon Rondo, who served the second of his two-game suspension for his role in a scuffle during a game against the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday.

Courtney Lee, who started in Rondo’s place, had 13 points, and Jason Terry finished with 15 points and 11 assists.

## Bulls 93, 76ers 88

In Chicago, Luol Deng scored a game-high 25 points and Chicago beat Philadelphia.

Deng also had a season-high seven assists and has led the team in scoring in consecutive games. He scored 22 in a 101-78 win over the Dallas Mavericks.

Richard Hamilton added 15 points for the Bulls, who played the 76ers for the first time since last season’s first-round playoff series.

Joakim Noah had 12 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists and Carlos Boozer had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Boozer has double-doubles in six of his past eight games.

Jrue Holiday led the 76ers with 23 points. Thaddeus Young added 22 points and seven rebounds.

## Mavericks 92, Pistons 77

In Dallas, O.J. Mayo broke out of a shooting slump with 27 points and Dallas celebrated Derek Fisher’s Mavericks debut with a victory against Detroit.

Mayo was coming off consecutive games with season lows

and started 0 for 4 before taking over in the third quarter. He scored 16 points in a 17-4 run that eventually stretched into a 25-6 surge as Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Fisher got the start a day after the 16-year veteran’s first practice with the Mavs. His presence seemed to spark Darren Collison, the struggling young point guard he was brought in to help. Collison had eight assists and no turnovers.

Brandon Knight led Detroit with 20 points, including 18 in the first half.

## Warriors 103, Pacers 92

In Oakland, California, Stephen Curry had 20 points and a season-high 11 assists to lead Golden State over Indiana.

Klay Thompson scored 22 points for the surprising Warriors, who have won three straight and remain tied with the Los Angeles Clippers for first place in the Pacific Division. David Lee added 13 points and 12 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season.

Golden State led by 16 in the third quarter, then held off a mini-rally by Indiana at the start of the fourth before pulling away for the win.

David West scored 23 points and George Hill had 19 for the Pacers.

## Clippers 116, Kings 81

In Los Angeles, Jamal Crawford scored 17 points off the bench, leading seven Clippers in double-digit scoring, and Los Angeles rested all of its starters in the fourth quarter of a blowout.

The Clippers beat Sacramento for the fourth straight time. Blake Griffin had 14 points and nine rebounds, Chris Paul had 14 points and five assists, and DeAndre Jordan had 13 points and six rebounds.

Marcus Thornton scored 20 points for the Kings, and Jason Thompson had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

# Wright, Mets agree to \$138M deal; Hanson traded



David Wright agreed to the richest contract in Mets history, Tommy Hanson was traded to the Angels and Brian Wilson became a free agent on a busy day in baseball when dozens of players were dumped by their teams.

Houston scooped up Philip Humber, hoping he’s a perfect fit, and Mariano Rivera returned for another season with the Yankees. He’ll be throwing to a new catcher, though, after Russell Martin completed his \$17 million, two-year deal with Pittsburgh on Friday.

Jair Jurrjens, Mark Reynolds, Mike Pelfrey and Geovany Soto were among the most notable names who became free agents Saturday after their former clubs declined to tender

them contracts for next season.

Teams had until midnight EST on Friday to make 2013 offers to unsigned players on 40-man rosters. Clubs can resign those players, but by letting them go free now they are permitted to cut their pay by more than 20 percent.

Wilson, the All-Star closer with the overgrown beard who missed nearly all of last season with an elbow injury, was among 40 non-tendered players. The World Series champion San Francisco Giants chose not to offer him a contract as he recovers from a second Tommy John surgery.

Wright and the Mets settled on a \$138 million, eight-year deal, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The agreement

replaces the All-Star third baseman’s \$16 million salary for next season and includes \$122 million in new money, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been finalized.

Some of the money in Wright’s deal will be deferred.

A homegrown fan favorite, Wright is the club’s career leader in several major offensive categories, including hits, RBIs, runs and walks. He turns 30 on Dec. 20 and would have been eligible for free agency after next season.

Wright plans to attend teammate Daniel Murphy’s wedding in Jacksonville, Fla., this weekend, then travel to New York for a physical. His big deal probably will be announced at next week’s winter

meetings in Nashville, Tenn., the person said.

Atlanta shipped Hanson to the Los Angeles Angels for former closer Jordan Walden, clearing a spot in the Braves’ rotation for Julio Teheran, Randall Delgado or another young starter.

Hanson’s velocity decreased as he battled rotator cuff tendinitis in 2011 and a lower back strain in 2012. But the 26-year-old right-hander was 45-32 with a 3.61 ERA in 108 starts over four big league seasons with the Braves.

“It’s a good risk on a pitcher we really believe in,” Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Walden had 32 saves in 2011, making the All-Star team as a rookie, but lost his

closer’s role to Ernesto Frieri this year and finished 3-2 with a 3.46 ERA. He became expendable when the Angels agreed this week to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract with reliever Ryan Madson.

Walden gives Atlanta another hard-thrower for its bullpen to help set up dominant closer Craig Kimbrel. His fastball has been clocked at close to 100 mph, and he had 48 strikeouts in 39 innings last season.

“We’ve been focused on adding a power arm to our bullpen all offseason,” Braves general manager Frank Wren said. “We felt if we added one power arm we would have a bullpen that would stack up with the best bullpens in our league. Jordan Walden has closing experience and the kind of arm that will stack up well in a seventh- and eighth-inning role for us.”



# Alabama holds off Georgia, advances to Miami



Alabama running back Eddie Lacy (42) runs to the end zone for a touchdown against Georgia during the first half of the Southeastern Conference championship NCAA college football game, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in Atlanta.

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Alabama got a hand on the ball, which wobbled into the arms of a Georgia receiver who wasn't supposed to catch it.

Before the Bulldogs could get off another play, the clock ran out.

The Crimson Tide is heading back to the national championship game.

By a mere 5 yards.

AJ McCarron threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 3:15 remaining and No. 2 Alabama barely held on at the end, beating No. 3 Georgia 32-28 in a Southeastern Conference title game for the ages Saturday night.

"I'm ready to have a heart attack here," Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban said.

As confetti fell from the Georgia Dome roof, the Bulldogs collapsed on the field, stunned they had come so close to knocking off the team that has won two of the last three national titles.

"We just ran out of time," Georgia coach Mark Richt moaned.

Alabama (12-1) will get a chance to make it three out of four when it faces top-ranked Notre Dame for the BCS crown on Jan. 7 in Miami.

This time, Alabama will head to the big game with a championship already in its pocket—unlike last year's squad, which didn't even make it to Atlanta, but got a do-over against SEC champion LSU in the national title game.

Even though the Tide left little doubt it was truly the best team in the country, routing the Tigers 21-0, there were plenty who thought Saban's team didn't deserve a rematch.

There will be no complaints when Alabama heads to South Florida for a dream matchup between two of college football's most storied programs. The Tide and Notre Dame have each won eight Associ-

ated Press national titles, more than any other school.

"This group has been fantastic," Saban said. "They were able to accomplish something of significance, and something that last year's team didn't accomplish, which is win the SEC championship."

What a game it was.

After an apparent game-clinching interception by Alabama was overturned on a video review, Georgia's Aaron Murray completed a 15-yard pass to Arthur Lynch, a 23-yarder to Tavarres King and a 26-yarder to Lynch, who was hauled down at the Alabama 8 as the clock continued to run.

The Bulldogs (11-2) were out of timeouts.

Instead of spiking the ball and gathering themselves, the Bulldog hurriedly snapped the ball with 9 seconds to go. Murray attempted a pass into the end zone but it was deflected at the line and ended in the arms of Chris Conley out in the right flats.

Surprised to see the ball coming his way, he instinctively dove for the catch at the 5.

Georgia couldn't get off another play.

Richt said the offense called the play it wanted at the end, a deeper route to Malcolm Mitchell, but Alabama ruined it by tipping the pass. If it had fallen incomplete instead of being caught by Conley, the Bulldogs would've had at least one more play, maybe two.

Instead, they were done.

"I told the guys I was disappointed, but I'm not disappointed in them," Richt said. "They're warriors. We had a chance at the end."

The consolation prize will likely be one of the second-tier bowls—the Capital One, Cotton or Chick-fil-A—though the Bulldogs certainly looked like a team deserving of something better.

"Do I think we're worthy of a BCS bowl?" Richt said. "Yes I do."

The Bulldogs even got props from Saban.

"It would be a crying shame if Georgia doesn't get to go to a BCS bowl game," the Alabama coach said. "They played a tremendous game out there. That was a great football game, by both teams. It came right down to the last play."

In a back-and-forth second half that looked nothing like a game in the defensive-minded SEC, the Crimson Tide trailed 21-10 after Alec Ogletree returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Alabama rallied behind a punishing run game, finishing with 350 yards on the ground, an SEC championship game record. Eddie Lacy—the game's MVP—rumbled for 181 yards on 20 carries, including two TDs. Freshman T.J. Yeldon added 153 yards on 25 carries, also scoring a TD.

After the game, Lacy hooked up with the guy he replaced in the Alabama backfield—Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, now with the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

"He just told me congratulations and that I did a great job running and it was it was the best he's ever seen me run," Lacy said.

But the Tide won it through the air.

With Georgia stacking the line, McCarron fooled the Bulldogs with play action and delivered a perfectly thrown pass to Cooper, who beat Damian Swann in single coverage down the left side.

Georgia played like a champion until the clock ran out, though.

Using up their timeouts and forcing a punt, the Bulldogs got the ball back at their 15 with 1:08 remaining. Alabama broke into a celebration when a pass down the middle for Conley was deflected and Dee Milliner appeared to make a diving interception. But the replay showed the ball hit the ground,

so Murray and the Georgia offense trotted back on the field for its last gasp.

And what a gasp it was.

Just not quite enough.

Todd Gurley led Georgia with 122 yards rushing, including a couple of TDs. Murray was 18 of 33 for 265 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

McCarron was 12 of 21 for 162 yards with an interception, only his third of the season.

After a defensive struggle in the first half, with Alabama kicking a field goal on the final play for a 10-7 lead, the last two quarters were nothing but run-and-gun.

The Bulldogs took the second-half kickoff and marched right down the field for the go-ahead touchdown. Gurley ran it seven times, capped by leg-churning, 3-yard drive up the middle to make it 14-10.

Alabama looked like it was about to answer, holding the ball for more than 5 1-2 minutes, before the drive stalled. Cade Foster came on for a 50-yard field-goal attempt, but his low kick was swatted down by Cornelius Washington. Ogletree scooped up the bouncing ball in stride and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown.

Suddenly, the Bulldogs led 21-10.

But the Tide wasn't about to go away that easy. Yeldon broke off a 31-yard run, Swann was called interference on a throw down the middle, and Yeldon powered in from the 10. He ran it again for the 2-point conversion, pulling Alabama to 21-18.

Georgia went three-and-out, and the ground assault resumed. Lacy barreled over right guard for 32 yards. Yeldon got it down to the 1. Lacy returned for the first snap of the fourth period, bulling over to put Alabama ahead 25-21.

The Tide's momentum lasted about 2 minutes.

Murray found King down the middle for a 45-yard comple-

tion and Gurley finished off the lightning-quick possession with a 10-yard touchdown run up the middle, putting Georgia back on top, 28-25.

But Alabama knows a thing or two about comebacks, having rebounded the last two years from regular-season losses.

Just three weeks ago, the Tide was upset at home by Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M.

Now, Bama is off to play for another title.

"It's just the never-give-up attitude," McCarron said. "You've got to keep fighting through it."

## Police: Chiefs' Belcher kills girlfriend, self



**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—It began like any other Saturday for the Kansas City Chiefs during the NFL season, their general manager and coach at work early to put final touches on this weekend's gameplan. Then they got a call to hurry to the parking lot.

The two men rushed through the glass doors of Chiefs headquarters and came face-to-face with linebacker Jovan Belcher, holding a handgun to his head.

Belcher had already killed his girlfriend and sped the short distance to Arrowhead Stadium, right past a security checkpoint guarding the entrance. Upon finding his bosses, Belcher thanked general manager Scott Pioli and head coach Romeo Crennel for giving him a chance in the NFL. Then he turned away and pulled the trigger.

The murder-suicide shocked a franchise that has been dealing with controversies now made trivial by comparison: eight consecutive losses, injuries too numerous to count, discontent among fans and the prospect that Pioli and Crennel could be fired at season's end.

Authorities did not release a possible motive while piecing together the case, other than to note that Belcher and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Kasandra M. Perkins, had been arguing frequently.

The two of them left behind a 3-month-old girl. She was being cared for by family.

The Chiefs issued a statement that said their game Sunday afternoon against the Carolina Panthers would go on as scheduled, even as the franchise tried to come to grips with the awfulness of Belcher's death.

"The entire Chiefs family is deeply saddened by today's events, and our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy, thoughts and prayers for the families and friends affected by this unthinkable tragedy," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt said in brief a statement.

A spokesman for the team told The Associated Press that Crennel plans to coach on Sunday.

"I can tell you that you have absolutely no idea what it's like to see someone kill themselves," said Kansas City Mayor Sly James, who spoke to Pioli shortly after the shootings.

"You can take your worst

nightmare and put someone you know and love in that situation, and give them a gun and stand three feet away and watch them kill themselves. That's what it's like," James said. "It's unfathomable."

Chiefs quarterback Brady Quinn told The Kansas City Star that when the team met later Saturday morning, Crennel broke the news to them.

"It was obviously tough for coach to have to tell us that," Quinn said. "He really wasn't able to finish talking to us. We got together and prayed and then we moved on."

But Quinn said the team was so stunned, it was hard to digest what had happened.

"It's hard mostly because I keep thinking about what I could have done to stop this," he said. "I think everyone is wondering whether we would have done something to prevent this from happening."

The 25-year-old Belcher was from West Babylon, N.Y., and played college football at Maine. He signed with the Chiefs as an undrafted free agent, made the team and hung around the past four years, eventually moving into the starting lineup. He played in all 11 games this season.

The NFL released a statement expressing sympathy and pledging "to provide assistance in any way that we can." The players' association has also been in touch with members of the Chiefs.

"We sincerely appreciate the expressions of sympathy and support we have received from so many in the Kansas City and NFL communities, and ask for continued prayers for the loved ones of those impacted," Hunt said. "We will continue to fully cooperate with the authorities and work to ensure that the appropriate counseling resources are available to all members of the organization."

The drama unfolded early Saturday when authorities received a call from a woman who said her daughter had been shot multiple times at a residence about five miles from the Arrowhead complex. The call came from Belcher's mother, who referred to the victim as her daughter.

"She treated Kasandra like a daughter," Kansas City police spokesman Darin Snapp said, adding that the woman had recently moved in with the couple, "probably to help out with the baby."



# Watney takes 2-shot lead at Sherwood

**THOUSAND OAKS, California** (AP)—As expected, putting was the big topic Thursday in the World Challenge.

One day after golf's governing bodies proposed a new rule that will ban the anchored stroke used for long putters, Keegan Bradley talked about someone on Twitter telling the PGA champion to send in his resume to Burger King in 2016, when the rule goes into effect. Bradley got so fed up with

the teasing over his belly putter this week that he grabbed Tiger Woods' putter and made three out of four from 10 feet.

The rule doesn't affect Nick Watney, though he couldn't say enough about his putting. He made five birdies on his last 10 holes—including his first birdie ever on the 14th hole at Sherwood—for a 5-under 67 that gave him a two-shot lead.

Woods' putting saved his round, even though most of them

were for par. That included a 12-foot putt on the 15th and an 8-footer to avoid bogey on the par-5 16th. It added up to a 70, which left him very much in the hunt at an 18-man event where he is more than just a tournament host. Without a title sponsor, Woods is underwriting most of the cost.

And yes, even Steve Stricker made news Thursday with his putter. He tried a new one.

"Mid-life crisis," he said.

The World Challenge is not a

hit-and-giggle at the end of the year, even with a short field, no cut and lots of holiday cash for all involved. The field is stronger than ever, with 13 players from the Ryder Cup, and it showed in the scores. On a cool, overcast day in the Conejo Valley, only eight shots separated the top (Watney) from Brandt Snedeker, bringing up the rear with a 75.

Snedeker drilled a fairway metal into 8 feet and made eagle on the 11th hole, only for his round to fall apart. He hit two provisional tee shots on the par-

## DLX caging starts Dec. 15

Domino Lux International Fraternity will kick off the 5th DLX Basketball Invitational Friendship League on Dec. 15 at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Final submission of rosters will be on Dec. 8 and only the first 16 teams to submit their lineup will be allowed to com-

pete. Entrance fee is only \$300. Teams are allowed to combine B and C players on their rosters and classification of players will be determined by organizers and should be approved by coaches and team representatives.

For more information, contact Jojo Garon at 483-2939, Pando Muleta at 888-7967, and Rick Brien 789-7620. **(PR)**

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Japan and 2010 champion Joon Yong Seo of Korea.

The 25-year-old pro cut the tape at the southern parking lot of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio about seven minutes ahead of 2012 London Olympics participant and Korean national team member Sun Jae Jang, whose 2:51:50 mark also shattered the 2011 winning time of Anderson. Two other bikers in the men's open division completed the race under three hours and surpassed Anderson's record, as Russia's Aleksandr Dorovskikh and Sun Jae's younger brother Chan Jae timed in at 2:54.43 and

2:56.06, respectively, to finish third and fourth.

The Top 4 finishers along with several other Korean and Russian riders and a few Japanese bikers road in groups from PIC up to the up and downhill climbs in San Vicente and Papago. Sun Jae, Anderson, and Dorovskikh traded places in the first 20K of the race with the other Korean and Russia closely following the lead group.

"It was tough riding with a bunch of Koreans and Russians. I was the only Australian in the group, so I had no one to turn to for help. I had to keep up with them in the first 20-plus kilometers," Anderson said.

By the 25K mark or at the Mobil Kagman station, An-

derson, the Korean siblings, Dorovskikh, and two others managed to take several minutes lead from the chase group. Then after the grueling 1.6-kilometer ride at the Kingfisher road in Talafofo, the lead group was down to three riders with Anderson leading, followed by Dorovskikh and Sun Jae.

The three riders continued to breath in each other's neck up to the Radar Station (the 50K mark) before Anderson took a sizable lead going up to Suicide Cliff.

"I knew I had to pull away in the last few climbs because if I still have Korean and Russian companies heading back to the finish line and flat road, it will be hard to put on a fight," said Anderson, who smelled victory

when he reached Hopwood with Sun Jae just crossing the traffic lights in Chalan Kanoa.

"It was tough, yet a good race for me. The weather was perfect, it was dry and fast," Anderson added.

Women's division back-to-back champion Jodie Willet could not agree more with her fellow Australia's observation.

"It was a great ride. Again, I had a crash and flat-free race," said Willet, who was in the third lead group and maintained five to seven minutes lead over former champion Mieko Carey.

Willet clocked in at 3:05:40, also a new course record in the women's division, eclipsing her last year's mark of 3:16:15.72.

"Mieko is good in climbing

so I really tried to get a good lead in the first 50K. By the time I headed back to the finish line and hit the flat road, I was a bit confident I will win," Willet added.

The Australian rider made it to the finish line about 12 minutes ahead of Carey, who also logged her Hell best time of 3:17:29.

"I am very happy with my time even if I only finished second. I did not crash and I did not have any flat tires. My body was relaxed and I enjoyed going

around the island again, seeing friends and the beautiful sites on Saipan," said Carey, who is now based in Guam.

Russia's Natalia Zakharova completed the Top 3 in the women's open division with her time of 3:32:44 and fourth overall, behind 16 to 35 age group top finisher Myo Jin Kim (3:25:55) of Korea.

Meanwhile, results of other age group races in team and individual events will be published in *Saipan Tribune* later this week.

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in September this year during the International Tennis Federation's meeting at the US Open in New York. The competition is an introduction to the Junior ITF Circuit and awards 30 ranking points to the champion, 20 to runner-up, 15 to the

semifinalists, 10 to the quarterfinalist, and 5 to the losers in the Round of 16.

Race said when the CNMI hosts the world-ranking tournament, we will get to see tough players from Asia and Oceania and some from Europe and even from the U.S. mainland.

"Our own players also have a chance to compete in this tournament and have an

opportunity to earn ranking points," Race said.

Christian Miller, Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, and Neghr Rastguay competed in similar Junior ITF events in Fiji this year, but missed getting ranking points. The three U18 players and one U15 (Rastguay) are expected to gun for either qualifying slots to the main draw or wild card competition for the Junior ITF event.

Meanwhile, Race also reminded the tennis community about the remaining events in the NMITA's 2012-2013 calendar.

On the list are the White Coconut Classic in February and the CNMI Junior Championship in April. Race's wards are also invited to compete in junior tournaments in New Zealand and Australia later in month and in early January.

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Sammy Sosa might have gotten in even without the cartoonish home run totals he and Mark McGwire put up beginning in the late 1990s.

They're all on the ballot released Wednesday by the Hall of Fame, ready to be judged for the first time by more than 600 longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. They need 75 percent of the vote to be enshrined among the greats of the past.

And they're not going to get it.

Not this year, anyway. Not with the Steroids Era still looming over Major League Baseball.

The guardians of the game stand in their way, ready to do something Bud Selig and the rest of baseball refuse to do—hold players responsible for soiling the sport. Enough writers will take a stand so that Bonds and Clemens will at least have to wait and Sosa may never get in at all.

The bottom line is that numbers define the Hall of Fame. Always have, ever since the Babe gained entry with his 714 home runs and Cobb got in at

the same time with 4,191 hits.

The numbers among this generation don't add up.

Believe, if you want, that Bonds hit 73 home runs in a year without the help of modern chemistry. Fans in San Francisco certainly did, at least until an attorney for Bonds admitted in court that the player took steroids—but did so unwittingly.

They suspended disbelief at Wrigley Field, too, while home runs flew off Sosa's bat and he dueled with McGwire to obliterate the single-season home run record held for so long by Roger Maris. And Houston fans surely tried to buy that Clemens finished with the best ERA of his career (1.87) at age 43 because he was a workout fiend.

But the folks who vote for the Hall of Fame are a bit more cynical than the average Joe. They've been around baseball long enough to know that crazy stats are just that if they haven't been seen in the previous 100 years.

Some voters aren't comfortable being judge and jury when baseball itself has no intention of changing anyone's numbers or records. The facts of who might have taken what and when - or didn't - will always be in dispute, so they'll rely on

just the numbers in making their decisions.

Others won't, because what they saw still disturbs them greatly, no matter the denials. They've rejected McGwire six times now, and they'll vote to reject Bonds, Clemens and Sosa in their first try to get in.

"Nay on all three," said Mike Klis of The Denver Post. "I think in all three cases, their performances were artificially enhanced. Especially in the cases of Bonds and Clemens, their production went up abnormally late in their careers."

In the interest of full disclosure, I'm a member of the BBWAA, though I don't have a vote for this year's class because there's a 10-year membership minimum. If I did, I would carefully look at the numbers for all the players and the impact they had on the game.

Then I would crumple up the ballot and toss it in the trash.

That might not be fair to Craig Biggio, another first-timer on the ballot who was never suspected of taking steroids. But he's in the 3,000-hit club, so his time will come.

I like Mike Piazza, too, but if the numbers of others in his era can't be believed, can his? And I don't believe Curt Schilling is a

Hall of Famer; his bloody sock shouldn't be there, either.

If this ballot is an uncomfortable one for baseball, Selig and his cohorts have no one to blame but themselves. They were silent as players became bloated caricatures of themselves. They did nothing but cheer as records that stood the test of time were erased in the space of a few seasons.

They and the baseball players' union had to be publicly shamed before even acknowledging that steroids had made the game a joke - much less finally doing something about it.

If you're debating the fairness of it all, consider that the most prolific hitter in the history of the game, Pete Rose, wasn't even allowed on the Hall of Fame ballot because he bet on baseball. Yet McGwire has been on it even though he was an admitted steroid user, and Bonds remains the sport's all-time home run king as well as a nominee this year.

My guess is Bonds and Clemens will one day be in the Hall of Fame. Years will pass and their numbers will become more acceptable as the steroid era recedes into the background.

Let's hope that day doesn't come anytime soon.

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(7:56) and schoolmate's Marianas Tenorio (7:57).

Riko won the girls U10 division after submitting 6:47, while Song timed in at 5:41 to prevail against schoolmates John Hong (6:52) and Tommy Cayetano (8:52).

Other top finishers in their respective age groups were Dylan and Logan Mister, Edgem Bedania, Shane Fabiana, and Seiya Eda.

Dylan Logan of Brilliant Star clocked in at 6:15 to defeat eight other runners in the boys U8 age group. He won by just eight seconds against SCS' Kevin Liang (6:23). Another SCS runner, Seung Jin Park came in at third with his 7:18, followed by schoolmates Arman Kaito Rechucher (7:24) Daniel Kang (7:34), Kai Stone (7:40), Seung Won Lee (7:55), and Shea Stone (9:43). Bwilitomwar Rangamar (home school) also joined the one-lap race and logged 7:39.

Logan Mister of Whispering Palms had the closest winning margin in the third leg of the series, timing in at 5:19 or just one second ahead of SCS' Nael Lim

in the boys U12 race.

In the three-runner boys U14 run, Bedania submitted 35:49 more than 3K race to place ahead of Saipan International School's Dylan Ackerman (40:44) and schoolmate Nathaniel Montano (47:50).

In the girls U18 division, which had a distance of about 4k, Fabiana won the all-MHS affair after timing in at 45:27. She defeated Francine Sablan and Brianna Pangelinan, who recorded 48:24 and 54:05, respectively.

Eda had the fastest time in the longest race in Series 3 and his 33:14 earned him first place in the boys U18, ahead of fellow Saipan Southern High School student Amami Sakano (40:56) and Marianas High School's Solomon Cej Henderson (48:32) and Anthony Iglecias (52:20).

All the Series 3 participants and runners who joined the first two legs qualified for the 2012 All Schools Cross Country Championships held last Saturday, also at the AMP. Individual and team results of the championships were unavailable at press time and will be reported this week. **(Roselyn B. Monroy)**

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# Weekend Sports

**T**ennis and football dominated last week's headlines.

The 4th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic concluded the second and final week of its competition with the staging of the adults doubles and mini tennis events at the various courts on Saipan last week.

Winning doubles championships were Roy Pangelinan and Bobby Cruz, Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez, Lydia Tan and Sally Lee, Richard Asuncion and Carol Lee, Mayling Colombo and Joyce Xin Ching, Don Castillo and Yong Min Song, Tania Tan and Clayton Izuka, Race and Lopez, Joy Minor and Pangelinan, Don Castillo and Marivic Rosario, Guam's

## Tennis, football in spotlight

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Sam and David Lai, and Seiya Eda and Tommy Choi.

In the mini tennis, Ericka Tuttle ruled the singles event, while Ellie Epley and Tomy Kim finished second and third, respectively. Kim also brought home a championship plaque in doubles with teammate Daniele Colombo, while Tuttle and Maya Sato notched the girls.

In football, MP United clinched the division crown in the M-League with its un-

defeated 7-0 record. With MP United's reign in Division 2, it will be promoted to Division 1 of M-League's next season.

In the battle for the Division 1 title, it is still a close race between Wild Bill's and Tan Holdings after both teams claimed separate wins last week.

In the 2012 FA Challenge Cup, Paire U18 and MP United U18 survived the single-elimination preliminaries to set up their title showdown.

Paire beat MP United U15 in the semis to advance to the finals, while MP United U18 edged Tan Holdings FC in the other Final Four pairing.

Other notable stories last week were the last day of elimination in the 2012 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament; the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs decision to rescind the Oleai Sports Complex closure order; the Saipan Bowling

Association/Budweiser's November roll-off; and Cassidy-Fanui's victory in the 6th Annual Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club Tournament.

Saipan Badminton Club went 4-0 in the eliminations of the Traders Insurance tournament to clinch the top seed in the players. The Golden Racquets, Berks Blazers, and Shirley's/Colgate Badminton Club completed the semis cast.

With the public protesting the

sports complex's closure to give way to the training session of a visiting pro baseball team from Korea, DCCA submitted a new schedule for public use of the Oleai facility.

Over at the Capitol Bowling Center, Simon Maniacop, Diane Chong, and M.J. Aldan downed their respective foes to top the November roll-off, while at the Smiling Cove Marina, Guam's Mike Cassidy and Ray Flores of Cassidy-Fanui defeated 10 other competitors in the annual spearfishing contest with their 82.16 lb-catch and also took runner-up and third place honors in the biggest catch category with their 8.54-lb and 6.20-lb single-weight fish, respectively.



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Shirley's/Colgate Badminton Club's Joseph Santos reaches in for a return during his and Toshiko Obata's doubles match against a Berks Blazers pair in the Traders Insurance badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.



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A Paire U18 player, right, battles a MP United U15 striker for possession during their semis game in the 2012 FA Challenge Cup last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



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From left, men's doubles 40-and-above doubles runners-up Roy Pangelinan and Lope Padilla and champions David and David Lai pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last week at the Fiesta Resory & Spa Saipan.



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From left, women's open doubles winners Mikayla Lopez and Negahr Rastguiy pose with Sally Lee, who represented Lydia Tan's teammate Yuka Iwata of Giam during the awards ceremony for the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last week at the Fiesta Resory & Spa Saipan.



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From left, Ericka Tuttle, Maya Sato, Tomy Kim, and Daniele Colombo show their doubles championship plaques during the awards ceremony for the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last week at the Fiesta Resory & Spa Saipan.



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Saipan Bowling Association/Fiji November Prince of the Lanes winner M.J. Aldan, is flanked by runners-up Marion McKenzie, left, and John Taisacan.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Saipan Bowling Association/Budweiser November Queen of the Lanes winner Diane Chong is flanked by runners-up Carol McKenzie, left, and Ron Cal.



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## Champs repeat, records broken in 'Hell'



A group of riders heads down to Capitol Hill after completing the Kingfisher route of last Saturday's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race.

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Australia's John Anderson gestures as he nears the finish line of last Saturday's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race in San Antonio.

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Australian's John Anderson withstood a tough challenge from Korean and Russian riders to defend the men's division title in last Saturday's 6th Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race.

### HELL OF THE MARIANAS THE PIC CENTURY CYCLE

Anderson made it to the finish line of the 100-kilometer race at the 2:44:52 to set a new course record and crush his own mark of 2:57:47 posted last year when he defeated Kinji Hashimoto of

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## NMITA seeks help for Jr. ITF event

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will need a lot of helping hands when the CNMI host its first world-ranking tournament next year.

"It will be an exciting 2013 for the CNMI tennis community, as we host our first-ever Junior ITF tournament and we will need the help of the parents, players, sponsors, and other volunteers to help pull this off," said NMITA president and



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Jeff Race announces the tournaments for 2013, including the Junior ITF event in May, before calling the names of the winners in the 4th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic during the awards ceremony last week at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

CNMI coach Jeff Race at the awards ceremony for the 4th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last week at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

"We will be needing the help of the parents for the logistics in hosting the tournament. Also, we will be going out to the business community to ask for its support in bringing this exciting Junior ITF event to Saipan," said Race, adding they will organize meetings in the coming months to prepare for the Junior ITF tournament in May.

The CNMI was awarded the hosting rights of a Grade 5 tournament in the Junior ITF Circuit

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## NMA Cross Country Series 3 draws 30



The 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 3 attracted 30 students with Saipan Community School leading the winners list of the race held at the American Memorial Park later last month.

Giving SCS victories were Hana and Riko Oijima and Ken Song. Hana ruled the girls U8 division after clocking in at 7:41 in the 1.5-kilometer race and beating Oleai Elementary School's Kina Rangamar

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Saipan Community School's Kai Stone, seen here leading a runner in Series 1 of the NMA cross country races at the Airport Field, was among the 30 students who joined Series 3 held at the American Memorial Park.

## The Big 3 deserve a big no in Hall vote

It could have been the greatest Hall of Fame class since Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb were installed in the very first vote back in 1936.

It would have been if those eligible had allowed their natural ability to carry the day.

Barry Bonds never needed steroids to be great. It was already in his genes, and the numbers he put up before he suddenly grew

larger than life would have been enough to make him a first-ballot choice the moment he was eligible.

Roger Clemens already had four Cy Young Awards and an MVP by the time his former personal trainer said he started injecting the pitcher with human growth hormone—an accusation Clemens vehemently denies to this day but one that will taint him forever.

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